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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Painful Incident

THE calculated shooting down of an unarmed Swedish Catalina plane by Soviet jet fighters over the Baltic Sea serves only to add tension to an already taut international atmosphere. The whole affair has yet to be fully explained. The facts, according to the Swedish Government are that two Catalinas were sent out as "mercy mission" planes to search for another Swedish aircraft reported lost in the Baltic a week ago. The Catalinas were unarmed and at no time were nearer than 15 miles of Soviet territory. One of the planes was attacked without warning and shot down into the sea. The Russian version is that the Catalina in question flew over Russian territory, refused to reply to challenging signals, opened fire on Soviet jet fighters which shot down the plane in self-defence. The Russian story is a hard one to swallow, and cannot, in fact, carry any weight. Everything points to the attack on the Catalina being premeditated and deliberate, and the question naturally arises, did the Swedish DC-3, missing since Friday last, meet with a similar fate? If investigations eventually prove that such was the case, grave repercussions can hardly be avoided.

BROUGHT into jeopardy by the Catalina incident is the traditional "neutral" relations which have long existed between Sweden and Russia. The Soviet act clearly is designed to be provocative. Possibly the Kremlin desires to test Swedish reactions for the purpose of deciding whether the country is content to remain "neutral" under any circumstances. The Swedes, however, are not a nation easily intimidated, any more than the Danes, who have quickly intimated their feelings about the incident by ordering their air force and navy to shoot without further order if attacked either within their own territory or in international areas. It will be the fervent desire of everyone that no new international crisis will arise from the despicable action of the Russian jet fighters; nevertheless, the incident cannot but impair relations between Sweden and Russia, and for that matter Russia's relations with the rest of the Scandinavian countries.

Criticism Justified

IT is very doubtful whether Lord Alexander really meant what he is reported to have said that criticism of the situation in Korea is "absolutely unjustified," and it will be very surprising if he reports in those terms to Mr Churchill after he has returned home. In any event, there has been little or no criticism of the manner in which the United Nations Command has conducted the war in Korea. But critical minds have recently been disturbed by the incidents at Kojo Island, which many feel should and could have been avoided by proper action being taken earlier, and by Dr Syngman Rhee's political machinations. The Kojo Island problem appears to have been resolved, but it is still impossible to view what is going on in Pusan with anything but alarm. The virtually secret trial of seven South Korean National Assemblymen is but another manifestation of Dr Rhee's intolerance for the democratic way of life. His behaviour and his attitude are intolerable and, undoubtedly are deplored as much by Lord Alexander as by anyone else.

BRITAIN AND KOREA TRUCE TALKS

Reported To Have Abandoned Claim To Participation

London, June 19.

Britain has abandoned plans for participation in the Panmunjom armistice negotiations and will not ask for the inclusion of a British representative in the United Nations delegation, authoritative sources said today.

Britain also no longer contemplates urging stronger British representation in the higher counsels of the United Nations Command in Korea, the sources said.

This development followed the receipt here of recommendations from the Defence Minister, Field-Marshal Earl Alexander, and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, after their on-the-spot investigations in Korea.

But the British Government will press the South Korean President, Dr Syngman Rhee, for a modification of his attitude towards his Opposition and will continue consultations with the United States on joint measures for an early revision of his policy, according to informants.

Lord Alexander's reports are said to have greatly relieved anxiety here over the handling of United Nations affairs in the Korean theatre, including the prisoner of war incident in the camps of Koje.

The reports have emphasised, it is said, the efficient and adequate handling of the issues involved and stated that the local authorities in their present set-up are sufficiently equipped to tackle the military and political situation.

Lord Alexander's report is expected, when published here, to ease the pressure from public opinion which had been strong prior to the Defence Minister's mission.

POSSIBLE RESULT

Among the reasons for Britain's decision against insistence on participation in the Panmunjom talks is also the consideration that it might have led the Communists to believe in the existence of a split in the Western camp and to prolong the discussions.

This is understood to have been the American view from the start.

Nevertheless, there remain differences between Britain and the United States on the principles of the Korean question and the Far Eastern situation in general, a source said.

Those differences will be the foremost topic of conversation in the discussions between the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, and the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, when they meet in London next week. The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, has been invited to join in these talks.

Mr Eden told the House of Commons yesterday that "delicate" discussions were in progress in Washington at the present time.

British sources claimed today that Britain has proposed to the United States the immediate re-screening of those prisoners of war who have hitherto refused to be repatriated to North Korea and China.—United Press.

Hunger Strike Wins Freedom

HOF, Germany, June 19.

A group of West Germans held by the Russians since the war said today they staged a hunger strike to force their release by Communist officials after arriving in East Germany.

The group—17 men, 10 women and three children—arrived at this interzonal border point early this morning.

They were the first of the 650 German war prisoners and civilian internees being freed by the Soviets to arrive in West Germany. Forty other members of this group reached West Berlin last weekend and 360 others have been released in East Germany.

The group freed here said Communist authorities in East Germany tried to persuade them to remain there. So they stopped eating yesterday morning and were promptly sent to the border for release.

The men said they had been held in Russia at a camp in Kiev. The women were at Brest-Lotovsk.

MANY NATIONALITIES

In the Kiev camp, prisoners of several nationalities, including Finns, Norwegians, Dutch, Hungarians, Rumanians, Greeks, Yugoslavs, and Czechs are being held, the Germans said.

The ex-prisoners said prisoners remaining at the Kiev forced labour camp included:

Hans Wigmanns, Eindhoven, Holland, and Rayn Kravnen, an Amsterdam sailor; A Finn, Ulanov, of Kievankatu 57, Helsinki; an Austrian Captain, Scharf, of Grazm; Hans and Evelyn Bronikousky, of the Jewish community in Cattowitz, Poland; Greek First Lieutenant Faligigno; Greek sculptor Akliros, once attached to the Greek Legation in Berlin.

They said a Dutch journalist, Bernhard Simon Slier, sentenced by a Soviet court to three years' imprisonment in 1948 for illegal residence in East Germany, was recently transferred to the Kiev camp from another at Valkutta.—Associated Press.

Amazing Escape

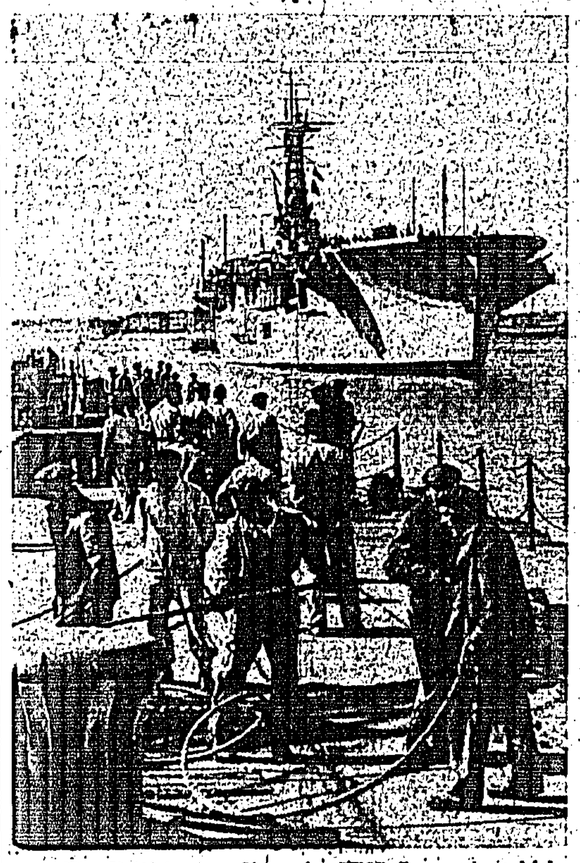
Frankfurt, June 19.

Little Deborah Phillips, 2½, leaned too far over a third-storey balcony today and plummeted to the ground.

Her mother, a US officer's wife, rushed downstairs.

At the 97th General Hospital doctors assessed Deborah's injuries: minor bruises and scratches.—Associated Press.

Carrying A-Bomb



The British aircraft-carrier HMS Campania, which has gone to Australia in connection with the British atomic bomb test, docks at Portsmouth with members of the crew lining the flight deck. The Carrier, used as a floating showroom during the Festival of Britain last year, spent a week at the Portsmouth dockyard.—London Express.

"Shoot If Attacked" Order To Swedish Navy & Air Force

Stockholm, June 19.

The Swedish Navy and Air Force will shoot if attacked over the Baltic, a Defence staff spokesman warned today.

He said, "Under peace-time regulations, Swedish warships or military aircraft which in international waters are subjected to an act of violence — for example, bombing or different forms of gunfire — made with an obviously hostile intent by foreign military aircraft, will defend themselves by force of arms."

"During the search for the shot down Catalina plane last Monday the unarmed search planes were protected by special fighter escorts which had the same right to open fire in the event of an attack on any Swedish aircraft," he added.

"Those Air Force detachments which took part in the search for the missing Catalina and Dakota planes interrupted their activities on Monday afternoon and their staff was given the necessary rest," the spokesman continued.

"Otherwise, no restrictions whatsoever have been made on the activities of the Air Force which, as before, include exercises over the Baltic."

Meanwhile, Police scientists in Stockholm today subjected a salvaged lifeboat to elaborate technical and chemical tests to determine whether the Swedish Air Force Dakota to which it belonged was shot down.

An Air Force Catalina flying boat searching for it was shot down by the Russians on Monday.

Hopes faded today of lifting the wreckage of the plane from a depth of 60 feet off Sweden's island province of Gothland. Rough weather in the Baltic shifted the wreck from the reach of divers and mine-sweepers.

The scientists described as a fake a photograph circulated to the Stockholm Press showing the side of a rubber lifeboat with a number of small holes in it. The lifeboat under examination is holed but not on the same side as the lifeboat in the photograph.

Sweden's Commander - in - Chief, General Nils Swedlund, and several other high officers of the Defence staff attended a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee presided over by Premier Tage Erlander today.—Reuter.

MINISTER RETURNS

Stockholm, June 19.

Sweden's Foreign Minister, Mr Osten Unden, returned today from an interrupted vacation to help steer his country through its worst crisis with Russia since Soviet troops plunged into neighbouring Finland in 1939.

Mr Unden, who hurried home from Italy after a Swedish mercy plane had been shot down in the Baltic Sea by Soviet jet fighters, immediately began a series of conferences with Governmental leaders.

He was met at the airport by the Prime Minister, Mr Tage Erlander.

Sweden has categorically denied Russian charges that a

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Steel Strike Situation Serious

Washington, June 19.

President Harry S. Truman said today that the United States steel strike was causing a very serious situation and might soon affect the whole industry of the nation.

President Truman who was speaking at his weekly press conference, added that he had not yet decided what would be the next step in his efforts to bring about a resumption of the American steel production.

Speaking of world problems, President Truman said that the international situation was at present neither more nor less serious than during the last few years.

He added that all the efforts of the United States Government which are aimed at preventing a third world war, had succeeded up to now and that it would be unthinkable to slacken them now.

The strike of 650,000 steel workers continued today with no sign that negotiations for a new wage contract would be renewed.

The Government is planning with union approval to re-open a few steel mills producing about five per cent of the industry's normal capacity, to make vital weapons for Korea.

The shortage of tank turrets resulting from the United States steel strike is affecting tank production.

Philadelphia's military arsenal announced today that it was compelled to reduce by 30% its production of M-47 type tanks because of the lack of turrets.

It was added that even if the steel strike were to end immediately, this reduction in the production could not be prevented.—Franco-Presse and Reuter.

GUERILLAS KILL 5 BRITISH SOLDIERS

Malaya Jungle Ambush

Singapore, June 19.

British soldiers scoured the Malayan jungle tonight pursuing a gang who had ambushed and killed five soldiers of the Manchester Regiment.

Four soldiers were wounded in the ambush, two of them seriously.

The soldiers, all of the Manchester's, were on patrol and were investigating the burning of an unoccupied house on a rubber estate in the Cameron Highlands of Malaya when they were attacked by about 40 guerillas.

Two Chinese civilians and one Malay police inspector were also killed and one Chinese was wounded.

Communist guerillas have lost 4,816 killed, surrendered or captured since the Malayan Emergency was declared four years ago, a government statement said tonight.

The statement said that 1,439 of government security forces, including soldiers, were killed during the same period.

Known wounded among the Communists in that time were 1,643, and security forces suffered 2,229 wounded, it said.

Total Communist losses break down into 3,149 killed, 752 surrendered and 915 captured, the statement said.—Reuter.

STILL SERIOUS

London, June 19.

General Sir Gerald Templer, British High Commissioner in Malaya, warned today that the fight against Communist-led terrorists there was still serious and no early settlement could be expected.

Gen. Templer told a Press conference that the progress made in Malaya during the last six months gave a cause for "confidence but not complacency." He said, "I can promise you no speedy solution, although there is no doubt whatever that the terrorist armed gangs will be ultimately eliminated."

Visiting Britain for talks with Mr Winston Churchill and the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, he said the population of Malaya is co-operating wholeheartedly with the British troops. He said that members of terrorist bands are almost entirely alien Chinese from outside Malaya.

Gen. Templer said, "In Malaya we are conducting a campaign against Communism on all fronts. We are fighting not only on the military front but on the political, social and economic fronts. We are making progress on all of these fronts, but the situation is still a serious one."

He said the police Department is being expanded to enable 4,000 recruits to be trained each year instead of the present 3,000, and also to provide 650 special constable instructors to give re-training to existing units. He said that results of this expansion should begin to show soon.

RUBBER PROBLEM

He said the decline in the price of natural rubber was a very serious development. "The immediate problem is to try and hold the situation" and "get through the present transitional period without a collapse of the economic and political stability in Malaya," he said.

He was asked if he did not think that the Malayan war was futile and why he would not come to terms with the Communists.

Gen. Templer said, "Never would I come to terms with them." He said, "I deny with an oath" that the war is futile. He said it is Britain's job to give the Malayan population security.

"Today we are fighting a manifestation of international Communism. As regards whether they get direct command from some Communist citadel in the world as to what to do next month, I do not know," said Gen. Templer.

He declined to opine when the emergency in Malaya would be over. He said he is returning there "in a few days."—United Press.

Destructive Storms

Vienna, June 19

Extensive damage was reported today to have been caused to crops and fruit trees by storms which struck many parts of Austria yesterday after a day of intense heat.

A 12-year-old girl was struck by lightning in a kitchen and killed at Plessberg, in lower Austria.

Three other members of the same family were thrown to the ground and injured.

A freak storm struck Sitzenberg, about 18 miles south of Vienna. During a whirlwind roofs were torn off from many houses and tiles carried into the air fell far away. A path 150 feet wide and 600 feet long was torn through a forest. Trees were torn up by the roots.—Reuter.

Train Derailed: Seven Killed

Rangoon, June 19.

Karen rebels derailed a passenger train 80 miles northor Rangoon, killing seven people and injuring eleven others, two seriously, it was reported here tonight.

About 50 armed rebels attacked the train and looted passengers' belongings.

Railway squads were rushed to the scene to restore the line.—Reuter.

JAPANESE MINE DISASTER

Tokyo, June 19.

Nine men are believed to have drowned and one body has been recovered from subterranean waters which flooded a sulphur mine near Morioka, about 300 miles north of Tokyo, mine officials reported here today.

The miners were strengthening the pit walls 100 yards below ground when water burst through and swept them away.—Reuter.

Boat Sinks: Loss Of Life Feared

London, June 19.

The Spanish trawler Mary Rosa, 188 tons, sank last night at fishing grounds off south-west Ireland, Lloyds Shipping Intelligence reported today.

Three of the trawler's crew were feared dead and four were badly burned when the ship's boiler exploded.

The Mary Rosa's sister ship, the Mary Blanca, had put into Castletown today, a message received by Lloyds said.

Lloyds Register shows that the Mary Rosa and the Mary Blanca are both registered in Spain and that both are owned by Enrique Lorenzo and Cia of Vigo.—Reuter.

Vietnam To Increase Its Army

Saigon, June 19.

Vietnam will have another two fighting divisions in the Indo-China war by the end of the year because of increased United States military aid, the Vietnam President, Nguyen Van Tam, said today in a Reuter interview.

America in a communique issued in Washington last night, promised to increase its aid to Indo-China, within the limitations set by Congress.

Welcoming the Washington decision, President Nguyen Van Tam said that the aid would enable the war against the Communist-led Vietminh to be waged more effectively.

Vietnam would now be able to recall 45,000 trained Army reservists who had been put into reserve last year because of insufficient equipment, the President said.

The present strength of the permanent Vietnamese Army was 65,000 men with a further 65,000 auxiliary troops, he said. Of the regulars only four divisions (48,000 men) were equipped for active fighting.

He believed that the American decision was sound "because the National Army, as opposed to the French Army, will have fuller support from the population."

He added, "And when the Vietminh is fighting a national, rather than a French army, it will have lost its main propaganda line in independence."—Reuter.

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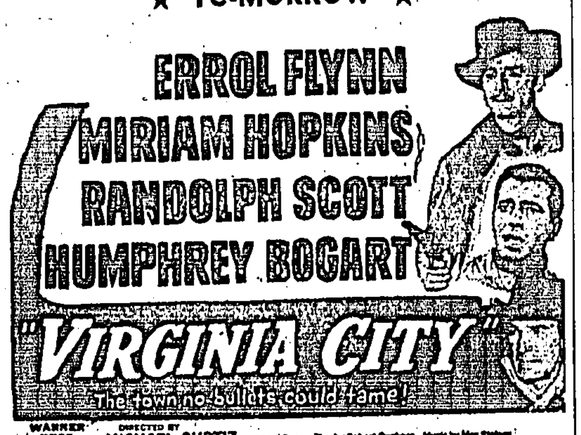

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Schuman Outlines French Reform Scheme For Tunisia

Paris, June 19.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, today outlined in the National Assembly a plan for constitutional reforms in Tunisia which will be submitted directly to the Bey of Tunis and the Tunisian Government.

He said the former French proposals for a joint Franco-Tunisian Commission to consider constitutional reforms had been abandoned because of personal difficulties and the unfavourable atmosphere in Tunisia.

The new plan, he said, consisted of measures which the French Government wanted to see put into effect in the shortest possible time. It was "a first phase on the path of reform."

M. Schuman said the reform plan must "take account both of French presence in Tunisia and of the legitimate aspirations of Tunisians."

It contained five points:

1. There must be no tampering with the treaty establishing the French Protectorate over Tunisia. This meant France would remain in charge of Tunisian defence, internal security, foreign affairs and diplomacy, justice so far as it concerned French people and others covered by the system of capitulations, and also finance, subject to certain particular arrangements.

2. The French Government recognises the ultimate aim must be an all-Tunisian government for Tunisia. In the first phase, however, there would be no change in the present system of a half Tunisian, half French Government. Tunisian Ministers will continue to be Prime Minister, Minister of State (in control of local affairs), Ministers of Justice, Health, Agriculture, Commerce and Labour. Other departments, including finance, public works and the post office, will continue to be under French directors. Each French head of a department will in future have a Tunisian deputy director.

IN FULL CHARGE

Tunisian Ministers will in future have full charge of their departments, except that the French Secretary-General of the Tunisian Government will have to approve decisions affecting the civil service and the Tunisian reconstruction plan.

3. An administrative tribunal will be set up before which all administrative acts of the different Ministries (but not the Bey's decrees) may be challenged.

It will consist of four Tunisian and four French members, with a French chairman, and there will be an appeal commission in Paris, of three Frenchmen and three Tunisians, with a high French civil servant as chairman.

4. Tunisians will have free access to civil posts and priority over Frenchmen with equal qualifications, subject to reservation of certain posts for Frenchmen, and ability to pass competitive examinations.

TWO ASSEMBLIES

5. Legislation — The French Government recalls that legislative power in Tunisia belongs to the Bey, but proposes two consultative assemblies:

(a) An all-Tunisian consultative assembly of 30 members, to be nominated by the Bey, at any rate in the first phase of the reforms.

(b) A joint Franco-Tunisian Council to discuss the budget. This would consist of equal numbers of Frenchmen and Tunisians.

The Government also proposes elected municipal and district assemblies. (At present only the city of Tunis has an elected municipality.)

In big cities, where French people are numerous, the town councils would be half Tunisian, half French. In small places where there are few or no French settlers, all-Tunisian councils are proposed.—Reuter.

Peking Buying Up Rubber

Colombo, June 19.

With China buying all available sheet rubber in Ceylon at prices well above current world prices, there have been no sales to Britain and the United States during the past month, according to Colombo rubber brokers.

The brokers believe that the prices will decline once the 2,003-ton Polish ship Jednosc Robotnicza leaves here with Ceylon's seventh rubber shipment to China.

They contend that China is unlikely to send another ship for some months.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL GIVES HIS BLESSING

London, June 19.

The Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, today gave his personal blessing to commercially sponsored television.

Labour quarters bitterly opposed any breach of the British Broadcasting Corporation's monopoly and in the House of Commons Mr Herbert Morrison, deputy Opposition leader, urged him to drop the proposal.

Mr Churchill retorted, "I must say that the longer I have studied this matter and watched its development in the last few months, the more convinced I am that the present complete monopoly should not continue."

Mr Churchill's statement was received with Conservative cheers.

In announcing its plans for the future of the BBC, whose charter has come up for renewal, the Government proposed that the present monopoly of sound radio should continue but that the BBC should face competition from commercial television when the arms programme slackens enough to free the necessary equipment.—Reuter.

Italian Oil Contract With Persia

Teheran, June 19.

An Italian company has concluded a contract with the Iranian National Oil Company for the purchase of 30,000,000 tons of crude oil to be spread over 15 years.

The Italian company, the Consortium Carboni of Genoa, signed the contract on June 17.

It was the twenty-first contract between the Iranian National Oil Company and foreign companies.

Only one firm has so far sent a tanker—the Rose Mary—to load oil.

Other contracts have had to be cancelled because the purchasers did not open credits within the agreed period of 45 days and had sent no tanker within 60 days.—France-Presse.

Bullfighting Described As Artistic Show

Madrid, June 19.

Delegates to the first international bullfighting congress in history here unanimously agreed that people under 16 should now be allowed to attend the sport.

They also adopted a resolution recommending "severe measures" for anyone filing down or blunting a bull's horns.

A further resolution recommended a reversion to the use of "fire darts", small gun-powder darts made to infuriate a quiet bull by exploding like a cracker when pricked into his neck.

Fire darts also indicate "disgrace" for the breeder of a bull which is too tame.

Spain, France, Portugal and several South American countries were represented at the Congress.

Speeches described bullfighting as "the most artistic and admirable show in the world, combining aesthetics and valour."—Reuter.

NEW PRISON IN EAST BERLIN

Berlin, June 19.

East Berlin workers sworn to secrecy today started constructing a new prison ordered by the Communist Gestapo chief, Wilhelm Zaisser.

On a site next to the four-storeyed yellow-brick Soviet Secret Police headquarters, the new prison will have 300 underground cells and interrogation chambers designed by Zaisser himself.

Red Soldiers Ordered To Make Friends

Berlin, June 19.

Russian soldiers in Germany are being told on their Forces' Radio Network to "make friends with the Germans." Until now fraternisation with fraulleins and all forms of friendship with the Germans have been punished with Siberia sentences.

The switch-over is in line with the new Kremlin demand for an East German Wehrmacht.

Previously the Soviet soldiers were told they could not mix with the Germans "because they are Nazis." But the new line in radio talks to the troops is "The Germans are now the friends of the peace-loving Soviet Union and the British and Americans are its enemies. Your job in Germany is to be ready to deal with them."—London Express Service

Flies Across Atlantic In Tiny Plane

Stavanger, June 19.

Max Conrad, song-writing American pilot and father of ten children, touched down safely here at 1455 GMT today in his tiny Piper Cub plane — the smallest plane ever to cross the North Atlantic.

Conrad set out from his home in Minneapolis a week ago on his goodwill flight to Scandinavian countries and reached Northern Scotland earlier today on the last hop of his flight.

Conrad stopped smilingly out of his Piper Cub with his mascot, a Mickey Mouse doll which, he said, had been his navigator from Stornoway, in the Hebrides.

"I am not tired and the weather was better than I expected, but perhaps a bit rough," Conrad said as he was handed flowers by the Mayor of Stavanger, Mr Magnus Kairsen. Deputy Mayor Rangvald Ribsskod and the Scandinavian Airlines System Public Relations Director, Mr D. Medboe.

A big crowd welcomed him at the airfield.

Conrad will spend the night at the Sola Hotel before taking off on the last lap of his journey to Oslo on Friday.—Reuter.

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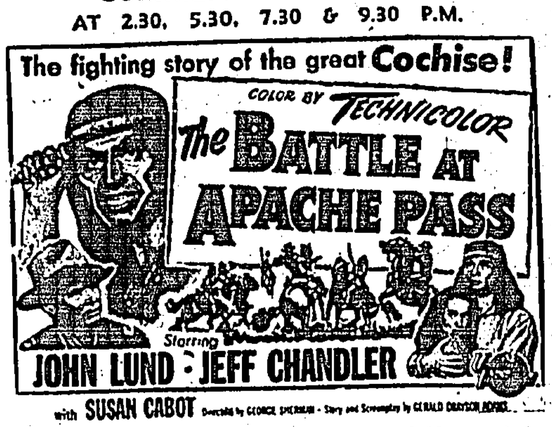

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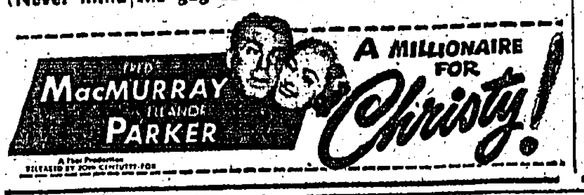

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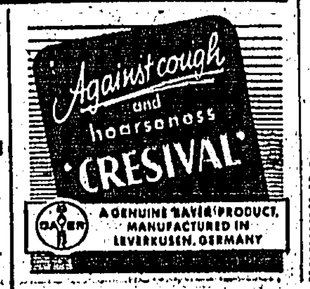

POP — Springtime in the rockery

Middle East Defence Main Topic Of London Talks

London, June 19.

Middle East defence within the framework of Western global strategy will be the sole topic of talks here tomorrow between Britain's Middle East envoys and the Chiefs of Staff.

The diplomats began a series of conferences here today when the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, gave them an assessment of the situation in the Middle East as seen from London.

General Sir Brian Robertson, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces, who is now in Britain, is expected to attend tomorrow's session.

Admiral Sir Rhoderick McGrigor, Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, is expected to tell the assembled diplomats that no definitive steps for putting into effect Allied plans for a Middle East Command can be taken until the military chiefs know whether or not the Suez Canal base will be at their disposal.

This depends on the outcome of Britain's negotiations with Egypt for a revision of the 1936 Treaty.

Admiral McGrigor will brief the envoys on the Western plan to set up a regional planning group for the area pending the establishment of a Middle East Command.

The British envoys are expected to give the Chiefs of Staff their assessment of the defence ability, in case of an attack, of the nations to which they are accredited.

Discussion will range from the extent to which the Arab States are weakened militarily by preoccupations with Arab-Israel tension to the unsatisfied demands of the Middle East States for modern arms and equipment.

The military aspect of the present talks was initiated today with an address on Western defence plans by Sir Pearson Dixon, Deputy Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office.

PLANNER EXPLAINS

Earlier, Sir Edwin Plowden, chief Government planner and one of NATO's "Three Wise Men", addressed the meeting on Britain's economic position.

He explained how the nation's acute balance of payments problem, aggravated by the cutting off of Persian oil supplies, made it impossible for her to extend her commitments in financial aid to the Middle East States.

Attending the four-day conference are the heads of Britain's diplomatic missions to Egypt, Turkey, Persia, Israel, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, The Lebanon, Jordan and the Persian Gulf.

The chief of Britain's Middle East Office, her delegate to the United Nations' Works and Relief Agency and Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan, are also attending.—Reuter.

Blind Man Gives Himself Up

Paris, June 19.

A former Vichy Government official and well-known pro-war politician, Georges Scapini, gave himself up today to the French judicial authorities after an eight-year stay in Switzerland where he had fled following the liberation of France.

He was described as a French prisoner-of-war in Germany. He had been sentenced in absentia to five years' hard labour by a French Court in 1949.

Scapini, a blind veteran of World War I, was left today in provisional liberty pending further examination of his case.—France-Presse.

Jordan's Premier To See Talal

Amman, June 19.

The Jordan Prime Minister, Tewfiq Abu el Hudi, plans to fly to Switzerland and visit the ailing King Talal within the next few days, a Government spokesman said today.

The spokesman would not give any reason for the visit.

The Prime Minister's decision to see the King personally comes within four days of the flight to Switzerland of the Reconstruction Minister, Anstas Bey Hananiya, who was reported to have carried a message from the Prime Minister to urge King Talal to enter a Swiss sanatorium for treatment or return to Jordan and undergo treatment here.

The Minister failed to persuade the King either way, and the Prime Minister has now decided to intervene personally and make one last attempt to get the 40-year-old Sovereign to place himself in the hands of doctors, according to usually reliable sources.

Meanwhile the Iraqi Prime Minister, Nuri al Said, has arrived at Lausanne and booked into the same hotel as King Talal. He refused to make a statement about his visit, though it is believed he hopes to see the King to try and convince him that he should undergo treatment for his mental condition.—Reuter.

B-36 A Flying Hangar

Washington, June 19.

America's big bombers, the B-36's, are now carrying jet fighters in their bomb bays. The bombers are really flying hangars, for they can launch the fighters in mid-air and catch them again in flight.

A number of successful air-launchings have been made.

This Ship Is Driven Like A Car

Copenhagen, June 19.

A ship which can be driven like a motorcar by one man will return in a few weeks from her maiden voyage to Greenland.

She is the Kista Dan, a 1,200 tons (gross) vessel specially built for the Polar seas.

In her size, engine power, elaborate navigational aids and special construction, the Kista Dan embodies revolutionary features which, according to her owners, a well-known Danish shipping line, are proving successful.

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The steering, which can be done with two fingers, is expected to give more sensitive control. But the ship is not dependent upon these novelties; it can be steered and controlled in the normal manner.—Reuter.

Sultan's Gift To Queen

London, June 17.

The 20-year-old Sultan of Brunei, who is on a two-month visit to this country from his home in Borneo, had an audience with the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday. He brought a pair of silver rose-bowls as a present for her.

For Prince Philip he brought a silver ink-stand; for the Queen mother, silver candlesticks; and for Princess Margaret and Queen Mary, "gold sarongs" woven by his wife. — London Express Service.

REPLY BY RUSSIANS REJECTED

Vienna, June 19.

The United States authorities here today rejected as "disappointing" a Soviet reply last Tuesday to their protest against the "buzzing" of an American aircraft.

The U.S. authorities protested against the buzzing by Soviet jet fighters of an American plane carrying the U.S. High Commissioner, Mr Walter Donnelly, from Vienna to the American zone Tulln air base on June 4.

The Soviet reply of June 12 admitted the possibility of Soviet jet fighters' presence in the air corridor linking Vienna with the American zone but ascribed any possible incident to the failure of the Americans to notify the Russians of the flight through the Russian zone.

The Acting U.S. High Commissioner, Mr Walter Dowling, in his note to the Soviet High Commissioner, today reminded the Russians that existing agreements provided the United States authorities with free and unimpeded access to Tulln air base but make no provision for prior announcements of traffic.

"I must express my disappointment that General Kraskevich in his letter of June 12 has seen fit to impugn the statement by Ambassador Donnelly and the American pilot that the markings of the Soviet planes were visible," Mr Dowling wrote.—Reuter.

Gun Cotton Explosion

Windsor, June 19.

The soldier killed by an explosion in Combermere Cavalry barracks in Windsor on Tuesday has been identified as Trooper P. R. Taylor, 18, of the Household Cavalry, whose home was at Ditchling, Sussex.

Trooper K. F. Rance, one of 13 other members of the Household Cavalry who were injured, was stated at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, today to be seriously ill.

The explosion occurred when a wad of gun cotton ignited during a training demonstration.

A preliminary inquiry has been conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel D. C. Smiley, Royal Horse Guards, who was in charge of training cadres at the barracks, and a full court of inquiry will be held later.—Reuter.

OPERATION ON CROWN PRINCE

Stockholm, June 19.

Sweden's six-year-old Crown Prince, Carl Gustaf, was operated on today for acute appendicitis. Afterwards, he was reported to be progressing favourably.

He was taken ill while staying with his mother at his summer estate on the Baltic Island of Oeland, which was left to him by his great-grandfather, the late King Gustaf the Fifth.

He was operated on at Borgholm Hospital at Oeland by Dr Erik Norup, former Royal Physician to Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopa.—Reuter.

Swedish Red MPs Want To Testify In Treason Case

Stockholm, June 19.

Two Swedish Communist members of Parliament today asked to be heard by the Stockholm court trying seven other Communists for spying for Russia.

Helmer Persson, a member of the Upper House, and Helmer Holmberg, a member of the Lower House, made the request by telegram after they had been mentioned in court by a 19-year-old student witness, Jan Lodin.

Lodin said that the leader of the seven accused, Fritiof Enbom, who has confessed to 10 years' spying for Russia, first confessed to him orally and then in an unsigned letter. Lodin took the letter to the Police.

Persson and Holmberg were two of three Communists that Lodin suggested had had "something to do with Enbom's espionage according to what Enbom confessed to me."

The third Communist he mentioned was Knut Olsson, a Stockholm Town Councillor.

Lodin said that Enbom told him that Olsson had tried to persuade him (Enbom) to undertake illegal work for the Russians.

Enbom also told him that Holmberg had helped him and that Persson had "been asked" to help him.

Lodin later said that Enbom told him that he had tried to obtain a radio telegraphist for Persson.

At first Lodin did not name Persson and Holmberg but only referred to them as "Communists." When asked to name them he hesitated and asked whether he had any legal obligation to do so.

The Judge told him that he could decide for himself.

Lodin hesitated again and then named the two men.

"A KIND MAN"

Asked later by the Prosecution whether Lodin's evidence was correct about Knut Olsson, Enbom replied, "It is not exactly right but his evidence is right in all its essentials."

Enbom said that Lodin's evidence about what he (Enbom) had said about Helmer Holmberg was not correct.

"It must have been a misunderstanding on Lodin's part of what I said about Helmer Holmberg," Enbom said. "I said that Holmberg was kind and considerate and good to work with."

The trial opened in secret and was later continued behind closed doors.—Reuter.

BRITAIN WARNS ICELAND IN FISHERIES CASE

London, June 19.

Britain, in a new note, has warned Iceland that she retains the right to claim compensation for any interference with British fishing vessels resulting from the recent extension in Iceland's territorial waters.

The note was delivered in Reykjavik yesterday.

The note reiterates the British view that the extension of Iceland's territorial waters is not in accordance with international law.

It rejects the arguments put forward by Iceland in a note to Britain of May 12 in justification of the new territorial limits and points out that Holland and Belgium have supported the view that no State is under a general obligation to accept more than a three-mile limit of territorial waters.

Last month Iceland announced a general extension of her territorial waters from three to four miles and the enclosure of a number of bays, including the great Bay of Faxa, by the use of the "base line" method of reckoning by which the limit is measured from a line drawn from projecting headlands.

The decision is strongly contested by Britain in the interest of the British East Coast trawlermen, whose fishing opportunities are seriously curtailed in consequence.

Yesterday's note said Britain "feels obliged to place on record that they reserve the right to claim compensation from the Icelandic Government for any interference with British fishing vessels in waters which, in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, are high seas."

UNILATERAL DECISION

It repeated an earlier expression of regret that the new fishing limits had been decided unilaterally by the Icelandic Government and not through negotiation. It also denied that the contacts between the Iceland Minister of Industry, Mr Olafur Thors, and British officials in London last January amounted to consultations.

The British note said Mr Thors gave no details as to the contents of the proposed regulations.

The note repeated the view that the points adopted for delimiting Faxafloi "are contrary to the principles approved by the International Court of Justice." It also rejected the claim to a four-mile limit and stated that Britain "observe that the Icelandic Government are unable to quote any authority from the recent judgment of the International Court of Justice" in support of the claim to be able unilaterally to extend the limit of territorial waters.

The judgment referred to was delivered in the Anglo-Norwegian fisheries dispute case, when the court admitted Norway's claim to use the base line method of delimiting territorial waters along her coast line.—Reuter.

Reds Hold "Inquest" On Party's Failure

Paris, June 19.

The Politburo of the French Communist Party, in its most severe post-war self-criticism, admitted today to "opportunist and sectarian deviation."

A French Cominform member, M. Etienne Fajon, made this admission during an "inquest" held by the Party's Central Committee on the recent failure to provoke nation-wide strikes in protest against the arrest of the Acting Party leader, M. Jacques Duclos.

Political quarters said that M. Fajon's statement, published in today's issue of the Party organ, Humanite, indicated that the unsuccessful "direct action" campaign had been abandoned and that the Party was returning to its former tactics of gaining the widest possible support by means of "peace propaganda."

The "direct action" campaign was launched last month by a Politburo member, M. Francois Billoux, who said that "peace propaganda was no longer sufficient."

M. Fajon told the Central Committee that the Party wanted the widest possible coalition "in the fight for peace" and that M. Billoux's approach, for which the whole Politburo had to take the blame, was "insufficiently clear and incomplete."

LED ASTRAY

Describing this as "sectarian deviation," M. Fajon said, "A deep current is tending to lead the Party astray from its true road. The responsibility for this falls in the first place on the Politburo."

M. Fajon also extended his criticism to the Central Committee whose members were doing too little to eliminate such weaknesses as "the loss of votes in certain elections, the decline of numbers in certain Party federations and the hardly satisfactory circulation of Communist newspapers."

Some political observers believed that M. Fajon's statement indicated disagreement among French Communist Party chiefs.—Reuter.

Ships Still Isolated

Liverpool, June 19.

Divers are groping today to fasten slings round three lock gates which are still blocking Hornby Lock, a link with the Mersey.

Twenty ships are still isolated in four docks following Monday's collision between the cargo ship Overton and a pair of lock gates. One gate has been raised.—Reuter.

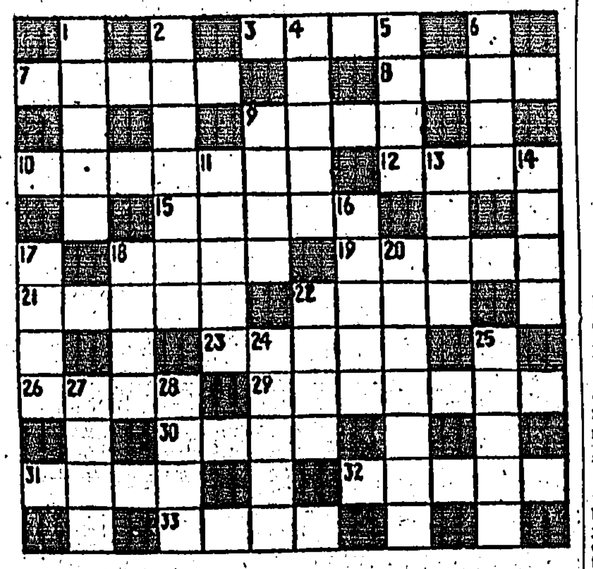
Objection To Privileges

Ottawa, June 19.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association today protested to the Prime Minister, Mr Louis St Laurent, against granting Japan any special tariff privileges.

The CMA said that its brief to the Government was prompted by statements by the Japanese Minister Plenipotentiary that his country would seek a most favoured nation agreement with Canada.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Egg on (4)
7 Margin (5)
8 Strong desire (4)
9 Principal (4)
10 Speak imperfectly (7)
12 Jug (4)
15 Get up (5)
16 Asterisk (4)
19 Vassal (5)
21 Reigned (5)
22 Outer covering (4)
23 Revises (5)
26 Moist (4)
29 Assisted (7)
30 Burden (4)
31 Stable (4)
32 Scold (5)
33 Track (4)

DOWN

1 Bunk (5)
2 Stir (7)
4 Equals (5)
5 Discourteous (4)
6 Monster (4)
9 Successor (4)
11 Traffic (5)
13 Wild growth (4)
14 Regretted (4)
18 Best part (5)
17 Jab (4)
18 Slender (4)
20 Place in office (7)
22 Bones (4)
24 Discourage (5)
25 Insignificant (5)
27 Dry (4)
28 Majesty (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Pallid, 7 Erin, 9 Serum, 10 Music, 11 Idea, 13 Obliterate, 15 Area, 16 Spot, 19 Represents, 22 Spin, 24 Ledge, 25 Anvil, 26 Bale, 27 Engulf. Down: 2 April, 3 Limit, 4 Demure, 5 Hesitate, 6 Nice, 8 Rider, 12 Amass, 13 Ousts, 14 Intended, 17 Oriel, 18 Grieve, 20 Slang, 21 Novel, 23 Plan.

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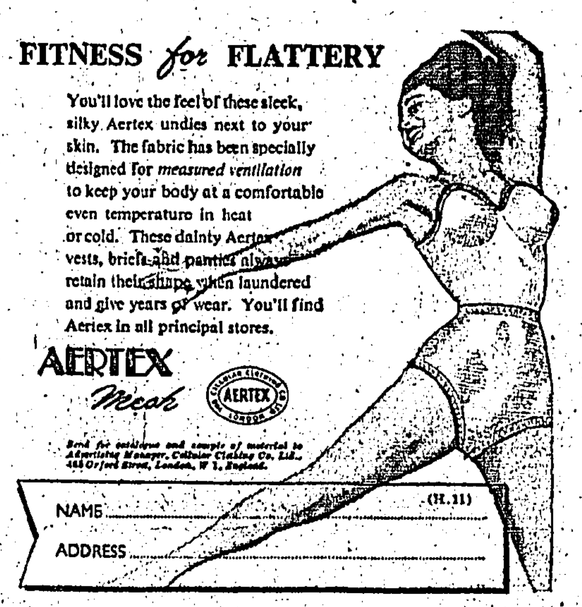

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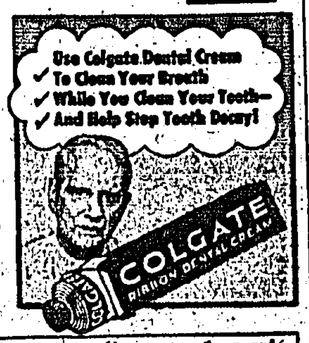

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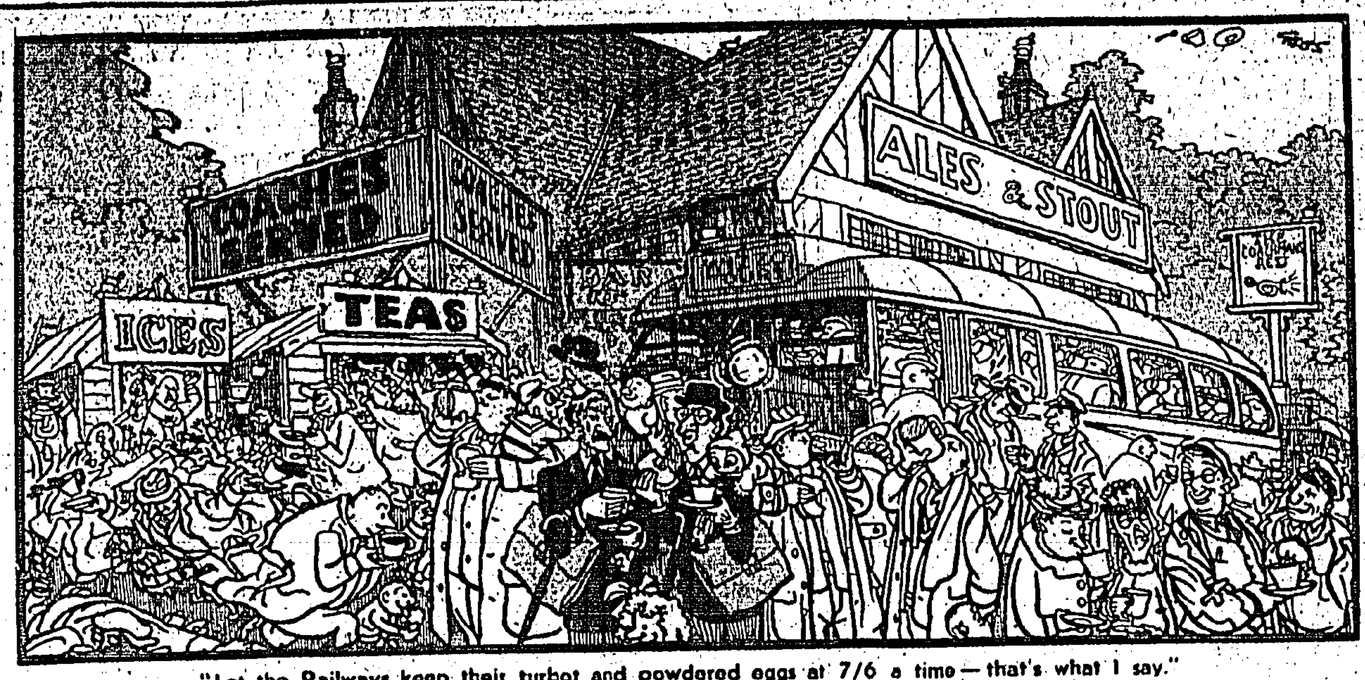

"Let the Railways keep their turbot and powdered eggs at 7/6 a time—that's what I say."
—(London Express Service)

HOW LONG MUST WE BE THE 'SOFTIES'?

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By John Gordon

WHEN the Socialists managed our affairs the Tories used to complain that they were always prepared to bargain away the rights of Britons if it would make foreigners happier.

But are the Tories righting those wrongs, now that power has come to them? Not a bit of it.

They have gone into the same game themselves. And gone into it so wholeheartedly that yelps of anguish and anger will surely arise all over the country when people realise what is happening.

Take, for example, that new treaty which gives Western Germany her independence. Consider how it affects Britons personally and financially.

Once it is ratified by Parliament the cost of our troops in Germany, now largely borne by the Germans themselves as the price of defeat in war, will fall upon the British taxpayer.

Our promise

If these troops were brought back to Britain when the Occupation ended, as normally they would be, the cost of maintaining them would be heavy enough to press quite a bit more austerity upon us.

But we have promised the Germans that we won't bring them home. We are to keep them in Germany to defend the poor Germans against anyone who may attack them.

Though not at the expense of the dear Germans. Oh no! They refuse point blank to make any contribution to the cost whatever.

So British taxpayers, whose lives have already been so sadly wrecked by the cost of keeping the Germans from enslaving us, are now to be depressed into deeper financial misery, in order that no one shall enslave the Germans.

What a monstrous piece of iniquity!

Pay in dollars

BUT that is not all. Our plight is made infinitely worse by the fact that we shall have to pay the bill in dollars—not sterling.

And £180 million in dollars every year—which is about what the cost is likely to be—is going to take a deal of finding.

A fine bill, that, to face, isn't it? But it is not the only bill that is to be presented under this new policy of entangling Britain in the brawls of the Continent.

Just in case the Germans in their old familiar way should feel inclined, once their war factories are running again, to point their guns at us instead of the Russians, they are not to be permitted for the present to make long-range missiles, mines, warships, military aeroplanes or atomic, chemical and biological weapons. These are to be given to them.

The United States will bear most of the cost, in theory.

But you may be sure that some day a part of that bill will come in our direction, in one form or another.

One way we will certainly pay for it will be in unemployment.

For while British workshops busy on armament orders will be unable to produce goods to earn us desperately needed money in foreign markets, the workshops of Germany, unburdened with rearmament work, will be humming merrily on the production of goods that will grab a very big slice of our foreign markets from us.

Lucky Germans

IT'S certainly lucky to be a German these days. But not quite so lucky to be a war-winning, world-saving Briton.

If you have business interests in Germany there is even worse trouble piling up for you.

The West German Government in 1949 imposed a levy of 50 percent of the assets on all firms operating in Germany, including British-owned ones.

It was decreed that payment should be spread over a number of years with six percent interest added.

While the Occupation was on, the British, French, and American firms managed to get exempted from the levy until 1952. Last week we were graciously granted a further exemption until 1955.

British negotiators tell me there is high hope in their hearts that by the time 1955 comes British firms may escape the levy altogether.

I prophesy that time will prove them to be a little too optimistic about the extent of the Germans' love of us.

If they run true to form the Germans are more likely to squeeze us to the last squeak.

And what an opportunity this levy gives to a free Germany, eager to get its finances straight and recoup its war losses.

For it gives the Germans the right, as soon as they consider the time safe and opportune, to carry out an act of confiscation almost as complete as that from which we have just suffered so grievously in China and Abadan.

Who decides?

IT is bad enough to take a smack in the face like that from former allies in war. But it is intolerable that we should be expected to accept it meekly from an ex-enemy who put our lives in the direst peril, and as a war policy spread torture chambers, cremation incinerators, and concentration camps across Europe.

How do such fantastic agreements come to be pinned upon us?

Who decides that we are to be the softies of the world, swallowing whatever medicine is poured out for us; accepting without a murmur every burden, every indignity, that some other nation cooks up for us?

It's time we knew. And time we put some other and better ideas into his head.

Finance, important though it is, is not the only feature of this trouble-promising treaty that should concern Britons.

There should be a fuller understanding of the personal difficulties—perhaps even perils—it holds for our troops, their wives and their families in Germany.

U.S. privileges

HITHERTO as Occupation troops they could not be tried in German courts for crimes or offences. Now as troops stationed in Germany for the defence of Germany the treaty takes that right from them.

For all offences—as distinct from crimes—they will be tried in German courts by Germans after the treaty becomes effective.

Yet what do we do in Britain? We have a large force of United States troops stationed here. They form a strategic outpost of America.

We have consented, of course, to their being here. But we never asked for them, as the Germans asked that our troops shall be stationed in Germany.

Yet we have granted to these American troops extra-territorial rights under which they cannot be brought into a British court for a crime, an offence, or even a debt.

British citizens have no rights against them whatever.

They cannot sue in their own courts for personal injury, debt, or anything at all, however grievous the consequences may be to them.

Even a murder can be committed without a trial following in a British court.

We have, in fact, granted extra-territorial rights and immunities to them, while they are on our soil, as complete as those we once held ourselves and voluntarily abandoned in China, Egypt, and Turkey.

Now the Lord Chancellor proposes in a Parliamentary Bill just published to grant a considerable measure of extra-territorial rights to every member of the N.A.T.O. forces stationed in Britain.

Warning M.P's

WHAT kind of a Government is this we have got?

Not so long ago we had the Tories squealing loudly that the Socialists were more concerned to give foreigners whatever they demanded than to fight for the interests of Britons. "Put us in power and we shall change that," they said.

Yet now we have them committing themselves to the same policy.

Don't you think it is time we put an end to all this nonsense?

What power have the citizens of Britain to put such wrongs right? Plenty.

They should give every M.P. firm warning now that a vote for this treaty when it comes before Parliament for ratification in the autumn means "out" at the next election.

A KOREAN MONK TO WATCH

By Ralph Walling

Pusan.

IN the shadow of Syngman Rhee, the bowed elderly President of South Korea, there stands today the figure of a fortune-telling former Korean monk who may yet help frame his country's future.

He is Paik Sung Wook, described by some as one of Syngman Rhee's closest advisers.

Paik Sung Wook acknowledges only that he is an intimate friend of Rhee. He modestly disclaims his eligibility for the role of a Korean Rasputin.

Nevertheless he gains entry to visit the President "at any time", even during a political or personal crisis. He is 57, or 20 years younger than Rhee, whom he first met in Shanghai in 1919 during the President's 30-year exile and did not meet again until Japanese rule ended in 1945.

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He belongs to the small group around Rhee today who were not in exile themselves. He looks plump and prosperous in a well-cut brown European suit and patterned tie. His office is downtown, opposite the American Embassy and next door to the headquarters of Rhee's chief Opposition Party.

He preserves the close-cropped hair which once marked him as a monk, and still assumes the ways of the great philosopher, mystic and prophet which he purported to be then.

As a student in Germany he studied philosophy from 1921 to 1925. Later, after three years of teaching at the Seoul Buddhist college, he entered a monastery high up in the Diamond Mountains near Wonsan, north of Parallel 38.

He stayed there ten years "working out" he says "how to apply Kant and Engels to the teachings of Buddha." That peculiar study in seclusion makes him today an eloquent and forceful talker in defence of Rhee's actions.

It also makes him sufficiently interested in politics to declare "If Rhee should die, somebody—I don't say myself—must continue to enlighten the people."

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Finally it makes him an associate of Dr An Ho Sung, a student in Hitlerite Germany who brought back to South Korea the idea of the existing Nazi-style Youth Movement.

Paik Sung Wook spent the last war years in Seoul under the eyes of the Japanese but free from their persecution "perhaps because I'd been a monk so long."

Early in 1950, two years after Rhee became President, he was Home Minister. He prophesied three months ahead the Communist crossing of Parallel 38. Soon afterwards he dropped out of the political limelight.

Recently he was appointed by Syngman Rhee to run Korea's Government-controlled gold and tungsten interests. Otherwise, his authority is not vested in any high office. But his power in the country is very real.

JUST HOW MAD WAS 'MAD' MIKE CALVERT?

By FRANK MacGARRY

HOW mad was Mad Mike Calvert? In "Prisoners of Hope," just published, Lieut.-Colonel James Michael Calvert sets out to tell the great story of General Orde Wingate's Burma campaign of 1944 "objectively and dispassionately."

He admits failure. He says: "It did not come easy, so I have told it personally as a story I saw."

Consequently it is the personality of "Mad Mike" that breaks through on nearly every page. For he is not a dispassionate man.

Wingate wanted endurance. Calvert proves he had it over and over again. He outlines the philosophy he drove home to his men—as a thing proved.

HE PUT HIS FAITH IN WILLPOWER

THE European soldier, as of old, can shake off the shackles of his civilised neurosis and inhibitions and live, and fight as hard as any Asiatic, and, because of his intrinsic sounder constitution and basic health, due to good feeding, better the Asiatic in overcoming hard conditions.

"Most Europeans do not know what their bodies can stand: it is the mind and the willpower which so often give way first. Most soldiers never realised they could do the things they did and hardly believe it now."

Wingate wanted foresight. Calvert showed it in the way he made it plain to the Burmese he was there to stay.

"Passing through on my white pony, Jean, followed by my aides and escorts, I benignly acknowledged the obeisances of the villagers in true nineteenth-century fashion.

"I liked the exercise, and I wanted to give the impression of calmness and security so that they would know who were the real conquerors, and therefore whom it was best to support and to give information."

HE KNEW BETTER THAN HIS COMPASS

IN Burmese, Gurkhali, and Urdu they were told that independence would be granted to them when they had proved they were capable of enjoying it, and would not relapse into interracial strife. . . . "I also," as usual, exempted them from all taxes."

Wingate said: "You must be unpredictable to your foes, constant to your friends."

Mad Mike ambushed the Japs bloodily many times. He explains why he was never ambushed himself:—

"My compass had a bubble in it. The result was that when I set off from A to B sometimes the bubble made us veer one way, sometimes another, but over a distance the variations would compensate each other and we would arrive unscathed . . . . I was never ambushed. . . . we veered gaily to and fro under the influence of Archibald my bubble."

MAD? PERHAPS — RECKLESS BY DESIGN

CALVERT was crazy—maybe. His Chinese allies thought so that time he routed a Jap attack single-handed—firing his Bren until the ammo had gone and the barrel was red hot. The Chinese, he says, "surrounded me laughing and patted me on the back, and thought that I was absolutely crazy."

But mad? A calculated recklessness perhaps. Says fellow fighter, author Peter Fleming, in the introduction:—

"Perhaps, like most brave men, he had a streak of recklessness in him: but, although the methods by which he assesses risks are not always the obvious ones, I would say his assessments were sound.

"It may well be that it is his sense of humour which has earned him his aura of lunacy."

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"Be careful, Mr Cloy, there's a mousetrap around somewhere!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

"A SUDDEN change of work," remarked an "export" the other day, "may be unsettling at first."

Not long ago, one of those men who go along station platforms tapping the wheels of trains was transferred to a job in an egg-packing depot. On the first day he was put into the testing-room, where, from force of habit, he tapped thousands of eggs to pieces in a trice. It came natural to him to put unnecessary strength into what should have been an informal flick. The foreman found him standing in a morass of egg and shell, still hammering fresh consignments of eggs as though he were driving stakes into frozen earth.

"Take off that railway hat," roared the foreman, "and try to remember that an egg is not a train wheel!"

How it ended

THE man improved with time, but he was still too heavy on the eggs so he went back to railway work. Even the most disgruntled porters laughed to see him going along a platform and tapping a wheel as though he were afraid of breaking it. You see, he had lost his touch. He ended up as a window-cleaner at Market Harborough, married the daughter of a night-watchman, and got into trouble for receiving stolen ferrets. Two things are never mentioned in his presence: eggs and train wheels.

He has come and gone

UNEXPECTEDLY, dramatically, when all hope had been given up, Jack Turbot arrived yesterday. So convinced were people that he was not coming after all that no attention was paid to him. He went away again after two hours, and I really doubt whether he will return. The complete failure of this preliminary publicity campaign is but one facet of this unusual occurrence.

Couch-grass pie

BRINS D'HERBE NABUCHODONOSOR may shortly appear on menus. A correspondent sends me a cutting in which grass is praised for its content of protein, and as a substitute for "our usual diet." London restaurants will, I suppose, buy up the lush country grass, and country people will be left with inferior sooty stuff from London and the suburbs. There will no longer be any point in the old story of the tramp who knocked at a door and said: "I'm so hungry I could eat your grass, lady." "Go next door," replied the lady, "their grass is longer."

The bakers attack

She complained that she was overcharged for a crumpet.

(News item.)

The crumpet then sounded the overcharge.

(Mrs Gulster's "Life of Wellington.")

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

BORN today, your originality of thought, independence of action, and energy, combined with your good business head, should bring you a comfortable fortune at a fairly early age. You know how to drive a hard bargain but your innate honesty will keep you from trying to be "sharp." Since your interests are wide and varied, it would be well for you to select a career at a fairly early age and concentrate on it. Otherwise, you might be inclined to scatter your energies too diversely for effectiveness. Learn to focus your ambitions on one objective until it is reached. Then go on, to something else.

You have a talent for saving money and as you grow older you may need to guard against a habit of hoarding too much. You members of the fair sex are fond of clothes and may show signs of extravagance in this direction unless you curb yourself. You have excellent taste. Fond of good food and wines, you should learn to curb these tastes also, or else you will need to watch those calories very carefully after middle age.

You are most contented when you have a family of your own and even you women who have early careers in literature, music or the drama will not be content without your own home life. Your marriage should be a happy one. Fond of children, you will want a large family.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Keep your mind on your work. Children may seek your assistance with their homework. Help them.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A social day. Get together with a friend you may not have seen for some time. Enjoy yourself.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't let yourself worry about things over which you have no say. Don't try to exert control.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A fine day for discussing business and future plans with your family and co-workers. Decide things.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A time for you to rest and relax. If the week's work is done, forget it this week-end.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Keep that temper of yours in check or you may say or do something you will be sorry for later on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Routine is something to be followed. But don't keep looking at the past. Look toward the future!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A fine time for catching up on those odd jobs around the house. Have fun doing them, too!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A hard day's work can accomplish a lot. Then, when evening comes, you can relax and seek amusement.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If perplexed with a problem, think over all angles of it carefully and it will solve itself!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—This is the time to insist upon having things your own way. Don't back down before opposition.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't make promises that you can't keep. Better to be called too timid than a bluffer.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Study This Hand For Sharp Analysis

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the most interesting hands from this year's Vanderbilt Cup Tournament was played by Edith Seligman, one of the leading tournament players of recent years. Both bidding and play were models of correct analysis.

When North opened the bidding and then raised to two spades, Mrs Seligman had her choice between a game and a slam. The question was whether North had minimum or maximum values for his two bids.

In order to find out, Mrs Seligman bid a side suit, and gave North a chance to show his maximum with a jump to four spades. Now it was necessary only to check for aces with the Blackwood Convention before bidding the small slam.

West opened a diamond, and Mrs Seligman now had to plan the play. If she tried to set up her own hand by ruffing several red cards in the dummy, she would have to get back a few times by ruffing clubs. If the club ruffs were going to be safe, the chances were that the clubs could be established.

Hence, Mrs Seligman won the first trick in dummy with the ace of diamonds and immediately led

NORTH (D)	29
♠K 8 5 3	
♥A	
♦A 3	
♣Q J 10 8 7 6	
WEST	**EAST**
♠9	♠J 7 2
♥9 6 5 4	♥Q 8 7 3
♦Q 9 8	♦J 10 4 2
♣A 5 4 3 2	♣K 9
SOUTH	
♠A Q 10 6 4	
♥K J 10 2	
♦K 7 6 5	
♣None	

Both sides vul.

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 N.T.	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♦ 8

the queen of clubs from dummy. East played the nine, a revealing card and declarer saw that East had either no more clubs left or only high clubs. In either case, the best plan was to ruff this trick.

Having ruffed the club, declarer led a heart to dummy's ace and returned another club. This time East played the king, and Mrs Seligman ruffed again.

Now it was easy to draw three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and give up one club trick to West's ace. Dummy still had a trump as entry to the long clubs, and South still had the king of diamonds to take care of dummy's low diamond.

Since this hand was played in a team match, it was played at another table. There, declarer planned for a cross-ruff but got confused by defensive false-cards and ended by going down one trick.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Spade	Pass	2 Clubs	Pass
2 Spades	Pass	?	

You, South, hold: Spade 3, Hearts 9-6-3, Diamonds J-10-5, Clubs A-K-Q-9-8-4. What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. If your partner has a minimum opening bid, the combined hands will probably play better at three clubs than two spades. If he has enough strength to make a stab at three no-trump, you are perfectly willing to let him try for game.

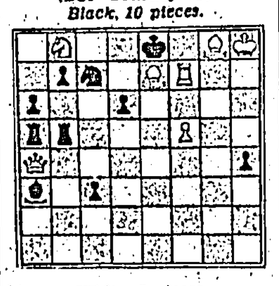
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-2, Hearts K-J-6-3, Diamonds J-10, Clubs A-K-Q-8-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By M. WROBEL
(BOF Tourney 65)
Black, 10 pieces.

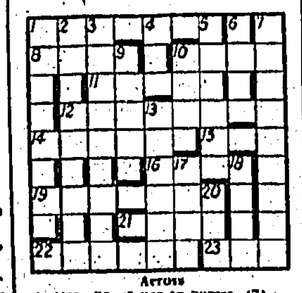


White, 7 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—B3, any; 2, Q, R, or P mates.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Hare fir, of use to horses. (7)
8. Well known club. (4)
10. Heartbeats do it. (4)
11. Arouse. (5)
12. Hands a broken bat in. (8)
14. Casement headpiece. (5)
15. Creditmaker's wood? (3)
16. Clothes to grab. (4)
19. Way to put the sun over. (7)
21. A neat bet. (4)
22. Thus typed ... suggests fixed opinions. (6)
23. Parental bend (3)

Down

1. In glue, an earthen vessel. (8)
2. Jim Ides are drawn out. (9)
3. Tower near a mountain san (5, 4)
4. Irritate. (3)
5. Well known when scarlet (6)
6. The morning I'd upset the maid (4)
7. Jerky (9)
9. To the spiv it's spruce. (5)
10. Leap to ring. (4)
13. Solicit a visit to depart. (8)
17. This graph is a signature. (4)
18. Swine (4) 20. Main water (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across: 1, Modulate; 9, Erudite; 11, Tropical; 12, Chemistry; 15, Person; 16, Nitrite; 18, Gen; 19, Exotic; 21, Ass; 22, Riot; 23, Farce; 24, Fly. Down: 2, Marcel; 3, Orthodox; 5, Darrell; 6, Geometer; 7, Ice; 8, Demoniac; 14, Rapid; 15, Ouse; 17, Hoof; 18, Van; 20, Car.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

POLECATS

By T. O. HARE

"HERE'S a new puzzle, Mr. Hare," said Weasel's precocious daughter, Winifred. My father's old friend, Polecat, has just married for the second time. Mr. Polecat is 18 years older than my father, and the new Mrs. Polecat is seven years younger than my mother. The product of Mr. Polecat's age and Mrs. Polecat's age exceeds by one the product of my father's age and my mother's. How old is Mrs. Polecat?"

"I don't be does, Winnie," I said. "There must be more answers than one."

"I thought you'd say that," grinned Winnie. "So here's another clue. The product of Mr. Polecat's age and Mrs. Polecat's is the cube of the difference between my father's age and my mother's."

"Now we're getting somewhere," I said.

How old is Mrs. Polecat?

(Solution on Page 10)

DUMB-BELLS

WOMANSENSE

DEBUTANTES DISPLAY FASHIONS —and the hats

While detectives watch for fireworks

In half an hour's rehearsal at the Berkeley Hotel six debutantes were turned into fashion models. They were getting ready for a mannequin display of evening dresses. The display is for charity.

Miss Virginia Estcourt (left), wearing a crinoline of lilac lace and tulle, arranges Miss Caroline Kirkwood's cape. Miss Kirkwood wore a dress of lilac lace in tiers, with strapless bodice.

Detectives guarded the rehearsal. Anonymous telephone callers had threatened to throw fireworks.

Hats were put on show by London millinery designers at the Dorchester.

Above: A two tiered black velvet Thaarup model, with Empire striped trimming of black and white crepe camellias.

"Target for Tonight," a Victorian pillbox in black velvet, with massed shaded blue and palest mimosa birds.

—(London Express Service)

When Harmless Boric Acid Can Be Harmful To A Child

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

BORIC acid has the reputation of being harmless because mild solutions are safe to use as an eye wash. But boric acid and sodium borate can cause severe poisoning if excess is taken into the body.

There are several ways for these drugs to be absorbed, though not taken by mouth. Many times poisonings are due to anxious parents who dress a child's wounds or rashes with powdered boric acid. They use too much of the powder, and enough is absorbed to cause poisoning.

No Warning Signs

The danger is that harmless amounts, if applied repeatedly, can build up in the body without any serious warning signs, until there is a fatal or nearly fatal amount in the body.

The symptoms of boric acid poisoning usually include a feeling of nausea with vomiting and, possibly, abdominal cramps and diarrhoea. Stomach disorders can occur even though the drug was not taken by mouth, but was absorbed some other way.

Vomiting may be severe enough to throw up blood, and blood may also be seen in the bowel movement. A red rash usually appears over most of the body, with widespread shedding of skin after several days.

Severe poisoning may bring on a shock condition, with fall of the blood pressure, bluish discoloration of the skin and rapid heart beat. Usually the temperature is below normal. As the condition grows worse, the person falls into a stupor, or even a coma, and still later may have convulsions.

Methods of Treatment

When this type of poisoning is discovered in a child, the best treatment calls for blood transfusions, and fluids and plasma injected through a vein. Oxygen should also be given. Adrenocortical extract is sometimes of help in saving some of these cases. Antibiotics have been used to prevent infections from developing.

The poisoning is usually so severe, however, that the patient cannot be saved. This is why it is so important to prevent a tragedy of this kind.

Don't allow children near boric acid or sodium borate, and be careful of the amount you use in treating a child's infection.

Household Hints

If you do not have candle holders for the birthday cake, use marshmallows. Decorate the top of the cake with marshmallows as needed, and put a candle in the top of each one.

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A small piece of bread held between the teeth while peeling onions will absorb the onion odour that makes you cry, only you must breathe through the mouth instead of the nose during the operation.

MOTHERHOOD ENHANCES WOMANLY CHARM

By BEN COOK

Hollywood.

IT was a good thing too, in the opinion of the Paramount fashion designer, Edith Head, who cheers the day when actresses were able to quit hiding the fact that they also were mothers.

Motherhood cannot help having a happy effect on the career of any actress it touches, Miss Head feels. Physically, it is likely to enhance her womanly charms. Emotionally, it deepens her artistic capabilities.

Inspiring Motherhood

"Joan Crawford is an inspiring example of Hollywood motherhood," Miss Head said, as an example.

"No mother could be more devoted and this is all the more wonderful when you consider that her children are adopted. Joan's strong, determined nature has a soft side which flowered under the love her youngsters returned. It is reflected in her screen work."

There are hosts of non-adoptive mothers who came in for a good word.

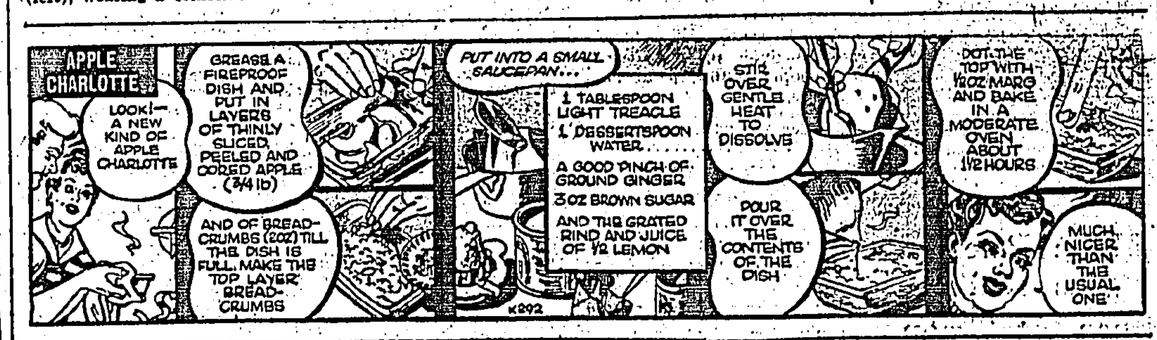
"Dorothy Lamour's figure is better now, since she had her babies, than it was when she entered pictures," Miss Head said. "Her waist and hips are an inch smaller and her bust is an inch and a half larger. Dottie's a better actress now, too. Motherhood rounded her out emotionally and gave her a deeper understanding of her roles."

Figure Improved

Motherhood brought Esther Williams a new calmness and ease of manner. Not to mention, said Miss Head, that her figure is better than ever — if possible.

Mona Freeman and Jeanne Crain were doomed to dewy-eyed ingenue parts until they became mothers. Now they are recognised as adults, entitled to strong dramatic parts.

Even Betty Hutton—still far from placid—has mellowed and gained emotional stability since the birth of her daughters, Lindsay and Candy, Miss Head said.—United Press.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

King Nep And His Creatures

—His Cousin Diana Wants to Claim Some of Them—

By MAX TRELL

KING NEP, who once used to be known as King Neptune, Ruler of the Seven Seas, was talking to somebody over his sea shell telephone when Knarf and Hanid came up.

King Nep now lived in a quiet, mossy spot near the edge of the brook where the Willow dips its branches into the water.

Seeing Knarf and Hanid, King Nep motioned them to sit down somewhere while he finished his telephone conversation. They listened to him talking without understanding much of what the conversation was all about.

They Belong to Nep

"Yes, Diana my dear," he was saying, "there's a good deal to what you just told me. But I'm afraid I can't quite agree with you. Those creatures don't belong to you. They belong to me. They swim in the sea, don't they?"

There was a pause while King Nep listened to what Diana had to say on the other end of the telephone. King Nep kept shaking his head harder and harder.

"No! They're sea-creatures. They belong to me! Good-bye!"

And the next second, King Nep hung up the phone, a bit out of humour Knarf and Hanid thought. Then he looked around at his two visitors.

Won't Get Them

"That was my Cousin Diana I was just talking to," he said. "She wants some of the creatures that belong to me. She shan't get them!" he added. "They're sea-creatures, not land-creatures. She has no right to rule any of the sea-creatures!"

Knarf and Hanid begged him to explain what he meant.

"Well," he said, "take the seals. Now what are seals? Are they land-creatures or sea-creatures?"

Hanid said: "They live on land sometimes, King Nep. And they swim in the sea other times."

"I think they're both—both land-creatures and sea-creatures," said Knarf.

Seals Don't Like Land

King Nep frowned. "Nonsense! Seals don't really like the land. They have no legs. They can hardly pull themselves around on the land. But once they're in the water they're the fastest and brightest and happiest swimmers anybody ever saw! They swim better than the fish!"

Knarf and Hanid admitted that this was so about the seals.

"And the same things go for the walruses, the otters and the beavers. You may now and then see them on land, but they're at home in the water. That, to my way of thinking, makes them sea-creatures. And take the penguins," he said.

"They're birds," said Knarf.

"Swimming birds," said Hanid.

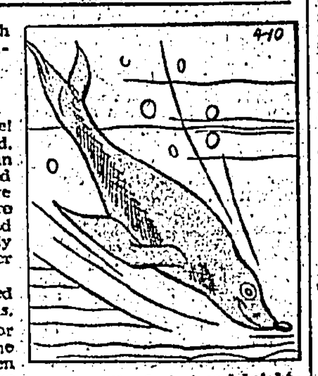
"I beg your pardon," said King Nep. "They were birds. They're hardly birds any more. Has anyone ever seen a penguin fly?" He didn't wait for Knarf and Hanid to answer, but shouted: "No! No one ever saw a penguin fly! But has anyone ever seen a penguin swim? YES! Everyone has seen a penguin swim. They're sea-creatures!"

Paused for Breath

King Nep paused to take a breath. He was quite red in the face from excitement. "Now I won't dispute her right to rule such creatures as the polar bear (who does a good deal of swimming but isn't made to swim) and the water-rat (who's nothing but an ordinary rat that likes the water) and the duck and the goose and the swan (who just paddle and dunk without ever swimming). Why," he exclaimed, "I'll even let her have the frog and the salamander! But I won't give her the seal, the walrus, the otter, the beaver, the penguin ... nor, above all, the whale!"

"The whale!" cried Hanid. "But the whale is a fish!"

King Nep smiled and lowered his voice. "I'll tell you a secret. The whale isn't a fish at all! He's a land animal who's taken to the water. But don't tell my Cousin Diana. I never said so. She hasn't thought of it, yet!"



Seals are the fastest and brightest and happiest swimmers.

Rupert's River Rescue—6

While Rupert stands back to recover his breath the farmer draws the rope very tight and lifts it as high up as he can. Then he pushes a large wooden object into the water and, taking most of his weight on the rope, but keeping his feet on the wood, he slowly crosses over. "There, you did jolly well to help me like that," he calls cheerily as he lifts the object on to the grass. "Look, this is an old gate that I found floating on the edge of the flood. It kept my feet dry."

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Prettily Dainty

NEW accessories to the art of being well-dressed include particularly handsome blouses in a wide range of fabric, styling and price tags. Tissue faille in beautiful pastel shades is used for this tailored model that has just enough softening detail to make it prettily dainty. Pin tucks fill in the yoke which is outlined by appliqued banding, two points of which have arrow heads.

INDIA STARTS WELL IN SECOND TEST AND THEN COMES ANOTHER PATCHY BATTING DISPLAY

London, June 19.

India, as in the first Test at Headingley, gave a patchy display of batting after Vijay Hazare, their captain, had again won the toss in the second Test which began here today.

But Vinoo Mankad and Hazare batted brilliantly and it was chiefly owing to these two that India made 235.

England, in the last quarter of an hour, made eight without loss and will resume tomorrow 227 behind with all their wickets in hand.

"Johnny—please pay more attention—for the purposes of this lesson, the chief exports of India are not Umrigar, Hazare, Phadkar and Ghulam Ahmed!"

London Express Service

The day's play provided two distinct contrasts. At first there was no indication that England would take the initiative in the afternoon for India began by making their best opening stand of the tour, thanks mainly to Mankad.

Mankad, released by Haslingden, his Lancashire League Club, fully justified his inclusion.

In two hours before lunch he and Roy scored 92 and they raised the score to 106 before Mankad was beautifully caught by Watkins at very fine leg, having made 72.

Then came such a collapse that at the tea interval India had lost seven men for the addition of 76 runs.

It was a "breakdown" almost as sudden and sensational as their four wickets for nought at Headingley.

TRIUMPH FOR TRUEMAN

Trueman, the 21-year-old Yorkshire fast bowler, enjoyed another triumph by taking four wickets and Watkins, in addition to catching Mankad, claimed three wickets.

But once again Hazare played a gallant captain's innings. He demonstrated his fine classic strokes and skilfully combined aggression with defence.

India were 180 for eight on a perfect pitch, but their innings ended on the same note as it had begun.

With Hazare supreme and confident, the two tail-enders Shinde and Ghulam Ahmed gave him splendid support.

When Evans stumped Shinde it represented the England wicket-keeper's 100th Test dismissal in six years of postwar cricket. W. A. Oldfield, the Australian, alone surpasses him with 130 victims.

England took 27 minutes to trap Ghulam Ahmed, so that Hazare, who alone succeeded in both innings at Headingley, took out his bat after a stay of two hours and 50 minutes for 69 which included nine fours.

When England went in Hutton and Simpson safely played out time in making eight.

The crowd thoroughly enjoyed the display of Mankad and the fine finish to the Indian innings with Hazare in command.

For the last two wickets, the England fieldsmen spread out, hoping to induce Hazare to take singles so that they could attack Shinde and Ghulam Ahmed. But Hazare countered the scheme and forfeited many runs in "farming" the bowling.

Hazare gave only one chance in his magnificent innings—when he was 27. But it was a very hot chance off Bedser, with Compton failing to accept a fast low catch in the slips.

Ramchand also threatened trouble as Hazare's partner. He made two glorious square cuts from Watkins which whistled past cover, but Trueman's pace and in-swing were too much for him in the end.

Hutton captained England shrewdly. He handled his bowlers with sound judgment, but his task was lightened by the inconsistency of the Indian batting between lunch and tea.

THE SCOREBOARD

India-1st Innings

Mankad, c Watkins b Trueman	72
Roy, c and b Bedser	35
Umrigar, b Trueman	5
Hazare, not out	69
Manjrekar, lbw, b Bedser	3
Phadkar, b Watkins	8
Adhikari, lbw, b Watkins	0
Ramchand, b Trueman	18
Mantri, b Trueman	1
Shinde, st Evans b Watkins	5
Ghulam Ahmed, b Jenkins	0
Extras	17
	235

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Bedser	33	8	62	2
Trueman	25	3	72	4
Jenkins	7.3	1	26	1
Laker	12	5	21	-
Watkins	18	7	37	3

Byes 8, No Balls 10 (Bedser 4, Trueman 6)

England-1st Innings

Hutton, not out	6
Simpson, not out	2
Total (for no wkts)	8

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Phadkar	3	1	6	-
Ramchand	3	1	2	-

—Reuter.

"Soviet Sport" Writes On The Olympics

Moscow, June 19.

The newspaper "Soviet Sport", the organ of the highest of the Soviet sports authorities, today demanded the conversion of the Olympics into "not only a sports festival but a festival of peace and international friendship."

It said that "this is what progressive athletes of all countries strive and will obtain."

In a special article telephoned from Helsinki, the newspaper said that Finnish athletes had already appealed to all participants at the Olympics to adopt the slogan, "Struggle for peace."

At the same time it quoted a member of the Finnish Olympic Committee, Mr M. Pekalla, to the effect that the refusal to admit the Chinese People's Republic is "a scandal."

"INTOLERABLE"

It added, "It is intolerable that so far athletes from the Chinese People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic and the Korean Democratic Republic have not yet been invited though the Olympics Committee has invited teams from Western Germany, South Korea and Formosa."

The newspaper rejected as untenable the Committee's ruling that only one delegation can represent each country by citing the Saar district as having been invited "though it is well-known that the Saar belongs to Germany."

The Soviet paper quoted the Finnish Press as follows: "Recent developments show that the bourgeoise and Social Democrats endeavour to make athletics the weapon of political speculation. The International Olympics Committee does not want the participation of the representatives of 500,000,000 Chinese people but gave that privilege to splinters like the Kuomintang and West Germany."—United Press.

Leach And Bergmann Start Series Today

Tokyo, June 20.

The British table tennis stars, Johnny Leach and Richard Bergmann, will play the first of a series of matches in Japan today against top players from Japanese universities.

They arrived in Tokyo by air yesterday.—Reuter.

Moira Paterson Wins British Open At Troon

Troon, Ayrshire, June 19.

Miss Moira Paterson, a former games mistress at a Glasgow girls' school, won the British Women's Open Golf Championship here today.

Fighting back gallantly after being four holes down with nine to play, Miss Paterson defeated Miss Frances Stephens, of Lancashire, a former winner, at the 36th hole. She had never been in front until she gained the victory.

Miss Stephens ruled the centre of the fairways with woods and irons like a golfing machine in the early stages, but when she began to tire she also began to find the bunkers and the rough.

Miss Paterson tightened her game, seized her chances and won a great victory.—Reuter.

BOB OLIN PICKS SUGAR RAY

Pompton Lake, N.J., June 19.

Ex-Champion Bob Olin today picked Sugar Ray Robinson to wrest the world light heavyweight boxing crown from Joey Maxim on Monday.

Olin said today that Joey, in sparring rounds, appeared sluggish and would probably be unable to compete with the fast pace which Robinson is sure to set.—United Press.

TAIPEI TO PROTEST

Taipei, June 19.

The Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation will send a strong protest to Sigfrid Edstrom, President of the International Olympic Committee, against his ruling barring Chinese Nationalists from the Helsinki Games.

They had planned to send a basketball team and one runner.

The protest said the committee invited the Nationalists to participate on March 15 and that they accepted on April 20.

The committee announced on Wednesday that neither Nationalist nor Communist China could take part.—Associated Press.

A Daughter For Freddie Mills

London, June 19.

Mrs Christine Mills, 35-year-old wife of Freddie Mills, former World and British Lightheavyweight Champion boxer, has given birth to a daughter at King's College Hospital, London.

Mrs Mills is the daughter of Ted Broadribb, who was Mill's manager and is now manager of Johnny Williams, British Empire Heavyweight Champion.—Reuter.

For Services To Cricket

Scorer Bill Ferguson, alias "Fergie", was presented with his British Empire Medal at Australia House in London by Mr R. J. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister.

It was awarded to him last winter for "services to cricket."

NO CHANGE FOR SOCCER

Annual Meeting Of English Football League Can Be Written Off As A Failure

By PETER DITTON

The Annual Meeting of the Football League in London earlier this month can be written off as one of the biggest sporting failures for years. Every attempt to introduce new blood, new life into the game was strictly vetoed.

The only proposal which received an affirmative vote was the one concerning a provisional new minimum price of admission.

Unless there is a tax concession from the Chancellor British soccer fans will in future have to pay at least 1/9d. for the sometimes doubtful pleasure of seeing a professional soccer match.

Really, it is difficult to see the logic of the League. Last season clubs in all parts of the country experienced a fall in attendance figures.

Even the fact of refusing to allow any games to be televised did not bring about an improvement. This ban has, however, been imposed for a further twelve months which means that the FA Cup Final and the Home Internationals will be seen only by those lucky enough to obtain tickets.

Generously, the League has agreed to allow one match to be broadcast every Saturday afternoon, but again there must be the veil of secrecy which will not permit the clubs concerned to be mentioned by name until they are actually "on the air."

In effect, the League has said to its million and a quarter potential supporters: "Take what we have to offer or go without."

Attempts to enliven interest by having a four-up and four-down promotion and relegation system were greeted with an emphatic "no." Tottenham, who sponsored the proposal, received only 14—about one third of the votes necessary for their plan to be put into operation.

THE OLD STORY

It was the old story of self preservation. While the First and Second Division clubs continue to have one vote apiece, compared with the four allotted to the 44 Third Division sides, soccer will continue to stagnate.

When soccer attendances drop it is always the small clubs which feel the pinch first of all. The First and Second Division sides can in most cases afford to thumb their noses at the loss of a few hundred spectators.

But for those who live from week to week the rejection of any proposals to brighten the game are just so many more nails in the coffin.

Other schemes which were thrown overboard were West Ham's suggestion that players over the age of 20 could be paid maximum wages; that changes in regulations could be passed by a two-thirds majority instead of the three-quarters as at present. Portsmouth's suggestion for a £30 present apiece for the League Champions was also rejected.

Next season if the fall-off in attendance continues—and with no incentives offered to spectators or players there seems no reason why it should not continue—the League clubs will have to consider very carefully the noose they are gradually tightening around their necks.

The remedy lies in their own hands. Either changes must be introduced by the clubs in command or else the Third Divisions must be given equal voting power with the First and Second Divisions. Only when the "what we have we hold" attitude of the top clubs has been broken down can English football expect to have the benefit of better and brighter legislation.

—(London Express Service)

BILLY SUTCLIFFE COMPLETES HIS MAIDEN CENTURY

London, June 19.

Billy Sutcliffe, son of the famous England and Yorkshire opening batsman, Herbert Sutcliffe, completed his maiden century in first class cricket for Yorkshire against Worcestershire today.

When Yorkshire declared he had made 171 runs not out, hitting one six and 28 fours. He made 101 of his total today.

The Worcestershire attack sorely missed Roley Jenkins, playing in the Test against India, and Yorkshire scored 200 runs in 120 minutes.

Brian Close, with whom Sutcliffe put on 139 in 75 minutes for the fifth wicket, hit two sixes and 10 fours in his 78.

Warwickshire, the reigning champions, are within sight of their first County victory this season, their opponents, Sussex, being only 24 runs ahead at today's close with all but one of their second innings wickets down.

Warwick's opening batsman, Fred Gardner, fell within two of his century today, after being 81 not out overnight.

Lancashire fared badly against Glamorgan, to whom they conceded first innings' lead by five runs. At the close they were only 54 runs ahead with five second innings wickets down.

Glamorgan's young, fast bowler, Donald Shepherd, who began a collapse yesterday, finished with six for 57, his best first class figures, and then took three second innings wickets.

Cox, young Surrey Second XI fast-medium bowler, took seven Cambridge University wickets for 22, easily his best bowling feat.

When Cambridge followed on 262 behind, M. Stevenson made 100 not out, his first century of the season. Batting for over two hours, he hit two sixes and 10 fours.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

The following were the close of play scores:

At The Oval—Surrey 364 for six declared (McCarthy four for 60). Cambridge University 102 (Cox seven for 22) and 169 for four (Stevenson not out 100).

At Oxford—Middlesex 509 for five declared and 30 for one. Oxford University 298 (Boobyer 65, Bush 67).

At Preston—Lancashire 119 (G. Edrich 57, Shepherd six for 57, Hever four for 48) and 59 for five. Glamorgan 124 (Statham three for 23).

At Derby—Somerset 250 and 159 for three (Angell not out 60). Derbyshire 148 (Buse four for 20).

At Brentwood—Leicestershire 402 for eight declared (Jackson 142, Walsh not out 90). Essex 353 for five (Gibb 70, Horsfall 143).

At Northampton—Kent 369 for six declared (Mayes not out 88). Northamptonshire 180 (Brookes not out 102) and 36 for no wicket.

At Worcester—Yorkshire 412 for five declared (Sutcliffe not out 171, Close 78). Worcestershire 177, (Outschoorn 85) and 21 for no wicket.

At Nottingham—Nottinghamshire 379 for nine declared (Hardstaff 61, Poole 78). Gloucestershire 170 for one (Emmett 88, Young not out 68).

At Birmingham—Sussex 60 and 220 for nine. Warwickshire 201 (Gardner 98).—Reuter.

LEAGUE TENNIS

Following are the results of Men's "C" Division League tennis matches played yesterday:

Ladies' Recreation Club lost to Kowloon Tong Garden Association by 3-0.

Captain Seaton & J. Wallace (LRC) lost to Sam Sook & K.W. Liang 0-6; beat R. Wei & A. Raymond 6-4; lost to A. Wei & C.S. Ling 5-7.

Dr Watson & P. Andresen (LRC) lost to Sam Sook & K.W. Liang 1-6; beat R. Wei & A. Raymond 6-4; beat A. Wei & C.S. Ling 6-2.

W.J. Skinner & Cdr Laing (LRC) lost to Sam Sook & K.W. Liang 1-6; lost to R. Wei & A. Raymond 4-6; lost to A. Wei & C.S. Ling 2-6.

Post Office Recreation Club lost to Hongkong Cricket Club by 3-0.

S.K. Chin & H.C. Wu (PORC) lost to G.H.P. Pritchard & R.G. Craig 3-6; lost to J. Bendall & W.R. Thompson 2-6; beat Landon & Martin 6-3.

K.Y. Wong & N.C. Wong (PORC) conceded walkover to G.H.P. Pritchard & R.G. Craig; lost to J. Bendall & W.R. Thompson 4-6; beat Landon & Martin 6-2.

P.T. Lam & F. Lai (PORC) lost to G.H.P. Pritchard & R.G. Craig 2-6; lost to J. Bendall & W.R. Thompson 4-6; beat Landon & Martin 6-2.

Craigengower CC defeated Indian Recreation Club by 7-2.

S. Salleh & L. Sung (CCC) drew with F. Rumjahn & S.H. Khan 6-6; beat S.M. Rumjahn & M. Samy 6-2; drew with I. Kitchell & S.E.M. Bux 6-6.

Fung King-cheung & Chiu (CCC) beat F. Rumjahn & S.H. Khan 6-4; beat S.M. Rumjahn & M. Samy 6-2; drew with I. Kitchell & S.E.M. Bux 6-6.

Leonard & Dhabher (CCC) beat F. Rumjahn & S.H. Khan 6-4; beat S.M. Rumjahn & M. Samy 6-4; drew with I. Kitchell & S.E.M. Bux 6-6.

Chinese Recreation Club 1 beat Kowloon Dock Club by 7-2.

P.F. Choi and Y.W. Chung (CRC 1) beat R.H.A. Lapsley and W. Gaffney 6-4; lost to A. Elliot and J. Muldoon 4-6; beat W. Chamber and J.H. Clark 6-1.

T. Kwok and P.N. Pun (CRC 1) beat R.H.A. Lapsley and W. Gaffney 6-2; beat A. Elliot and J. Muldoon 6-3; beat W. Chamber and J.H. Clark 6-1.

Y.T. Pau and N.K. Tam (CRC 1) lost to R.H. Lapsley and W. Gaffney 5-7; beat A. Elliot and J. Muldoon 6-4; beat W. Chamber and J.H. Clark 6-1.

Recrelo beat Chinese Recreation Club 2 by 5-4.

A. Senna and A.J. Remedios (Recrelo) beat Iu Po-hei and Tso Shin-lin 6-3; beat Ma Kin-long and C.T. Ho 6-3; beat Lee Kin-woon and C.P. Tsou 6-3.

C.A. Barretto and J.A. Marques (Recrelo) drew with Iu Po-hei 6-6; lost to Ma Kin-long and C.T. Ho 4-6; beat Lee Kin-woon and C.P. Tsou 6-0.

B.P. Gosano and F.F. Botelho (Recrelo) lost to Iu Po-hei and Tso Shin-lin 4-6; lost to Ma Kin-long and C.T. Ho 4-6; drew with Lee Kin-woon and C.P. Tsou 6-6.

South China Athletic Association beat KCC 8-1.

C.C. Yew and D.D. Yue (SCAA) beat F. Drakes and G. Hobbs 6-2; beat F.A. Fisher and A. Liang 6-2; beat C. Footens and Walker 6-0.

K.C. Siu and F. Chang (SCAA) beat Drakes and Hobbs 6-0; beat Fisher and Liang 6-4; beat Footens and Walker 6-2.

K.C. Wong and T.W. Cheung (SCAA) beat Drakes and Hobbs 7-5; beat Fisher and Liang 6-2; lost to Footens and Walker 0-6.

THE DUKE IS PUTTING PUNCH INTO POLO

By STEPHEN CROZIER

They said polo was dead—killed by the toll of war and the break-up of famous stables. Grounds known the world over were ploughed up and turned into allotments.

But today it is very much alive, thanks mainly to the Duke of Edinburgh, who has put a new punch into the game, and a group of determined men and women whose enthusiasm has fired the imagination of thousands who have never sat astride a pony and who thought that "hockey on horses" was a specialised sport of the rich.

The Duke, a patron of the Hurlingham Polo Association, gives more than patronage to this grand, tough, exciting game. He plays it—and he plays it well.

AS SUBSTITUTE

At Cowdray Park his long shot into goal which helped his team, Pipers Hill from Warwickshire, to win was the action of a competent player.

Only an enthusiast would have flown from Scotland, as he did, to act as a substitute for a man who was unable to play.

The spirit of polo is symbolised in the words at the top of one fixture list: "Matches are NEVER cancelled because of bad weather."

That's the spirit in which the Duke plays the game. It is a spirit of daring, of esprit-de-corps, of determination — and above all of sportsmanship. Qualities sadly lacking some think in Britain today. But the Duke is giving a lead in bringing them back.

Polo as a spectacle has everything—the thundering of hooves, the snorting of the eager ponies, the flashing of whirling sticks, framed in a background of the English scene at its best.

And it is so simple that the few rules are easily understood by first-time spectators.

Today a good match draws a crowd of 10,000. And what a mixed crowd: Costers in the family run-about parked next to the "county" at Cowdray, and the cries of "Come on, Philip" as hearty as the famous "Come on, Steve" of the turf.

Like the appearance of Len Hutton or Denis Compton at a cricket match the Duke's presence in a polo game often doubles the attendance—though the fact that he will be playing must not be advertised.

ONE-ARMED

While the Duke brings the glamour to the game the man who IS polo today is Lord Cowdray.

On the way back to Dunkirk, Lord Cowdray had his left arm shot off in Flanders by a shell; and everyone, except himself, thought his polo-playing days were over.

When most folk thought the heyday of the game was gone—killed by the toll of the war, and the rising cost of living—he thought otherwise. Indeed without him polo could never have been revived in Britain.

The man, whose wound would surely have stopped anyone else from playing again, not only found the enthusiasm to restart the game after the war, but to become a first-class player himself.

It is largely due to him that polo is no longer a game for the wealthy only. "Anyone with a modest income can play," he says.

Ponies can be hired at Cowdray for 10s. a chukka. A chukka lasts only 7½ minutes, but the game is so strenuous that a pony can only play two in a day!

And it is not a "men only" game. There are mixed teams, with some brilliant women players. Outstanding is slim, fair-haired Mrs John Lakin, sister of Lord Cowdray. Her courage and horsemanship equal that of the men with whom she plays.

A few weeks ago she was struck on the head by another player's stick. She dismounted for a moment, but quickly remounted and finished the game. Of such stuff are women players made!

FAMILY TEAM

And Lord Cowdray's other sisters, Mrs Alastair Gibb and Mrs Campbell Preston, are also distinguished players.

Another family which provides its own team is that of Mr Arthur L Lucas, his wife, Ethel, son John and daughter Patricia.

Patricia, 19, and one of the youngest players in the country, plays with her family at their home, Woolmers Park Hertford, where Oxford and Cambridge meet later this year.

Like Hurlingham the Phoenix Park ground in Dublin was ploughed up and used for allotments and peat (fuel) storage during the war.

In reviving the sport there the Polo Club elders, somewhat reluctantly, perhaps, agreed to the inclusion of women members and now several appear regularly.

Now, if the Queen approves, polo may be played in Windsor Great Park, where thousands could watch it.

And now that the Duke has given a new "fillip" to the ancient game—it was first played in Persia in 525 B.C.—the season may even be extended, with a 10,000 gate watching polo by floodlight.

AT WEMBLEY?

And why not? In the 16th century the Indian Emperor Akbar, who drew up the earliest known code of conduct for polo, was so enthusiastic about the game that he had it played at night with luminous balls.

Perhaps the day is not too far distant when 100,000 will pack Wembley Stadium—and see a Queen of England hand to her Consort a winner's medal—for polo.

THE GAMBOLS by Barry Appleby

TODAY'S SPORT

Lawn Tennis

Men's "D" Division—KCC v CRC "1"; IRC v IRC; Urban Council "1" v CRC "2"; Urban Council "2" v Recrelo.

Water Polo

Senior.—Fortuna v Chung Sing 8 p.m.; Ching Wing v South China 8.30 p.m.; Eastern v SCAACA 7 p.m. All games will be played at the YMCA Pool.

HONGKONG FINALIST

Miss Helen Kwong of Hongkong was the only foreign finalist at the Unofficial World Badminton Championships at Kuala Lumpur a fortnight ago.

With her is her partner, Miss Leong May-pheng of Selangor. The pair lost to Mrs C. Samuel and Miss Queenie Cheah in the final.

Maharanee's Entry Wins Royal Ascot's Richest Prize

Ascot, Berkshire, June 19.

The Maharanee Seeta Devi Gaekwar of Baroda's Aquino II, which won Royal Ascot's richest prize — The Gold Cup — today was bred in France but trained in England. It won the race from an international field.

Aquino II, ridden by champion jockey Gordon Richards, won the two and a half miles race after a great struggle throughout the last furlong and a half with Lord Milford's Eastern Emperor and the French challenger, Talma II, winner last year for M. Marcel Boussac of the English St. Leger.

The winner, a four to one chance, had three quarters of a length to spare at the post from Eastern Emperor, who started at seven to two, with Talma, favourite at 13 to eight, a further two lengths away, third of the six runners.

The success of Aquino II and the fine performance of Eastern Emperor, bred and trained in Britain, were triumphs for British racing.

Four of the last six Ascot Gold Cups had gone to France.

ONLY OWNER'S DOUBLE

Aquino's victory brought the Maharanee the first prize of £10,822 of the total prize money of £12,850. She had previously scored at the meeting with her two-year-old Whistler, and is the only owner so far to have a double.

Eastern Emperor drew almost level with Aquino II, a quarter of a mile out, and appeared virtually certain to win, so easily was he going, but the bay, of Tornado, responded gallantly when Richards gave him a couple of taps with the whip.

Talma, for whom Damska ran as pace-maker, never looked likely to get on terms with the winner.

The Italian challenger, Granet IV, was beaten some distance out and finished fifth.

It was Richards' fifth Gold Cup victory, including three substitute races at Newmarket during the war.

A Canadian owner, Max Bell, came near scoring a double today. His colt, Royal Serenade, who is soon to be shipped to the United States, won the first race, the six furlongs Cork and Orrery Stakes, and his Nasrullah colt, Indian Hemp, was just nosed out of first place in the King Edward Seventh Stakes for three-year-olds over 12 furlongs.

The winner of this race by a head was Tommy Carey's Castleton, who had run unplaced on the opening day of the meeting and today was a 100 to six outsider.

Not one favourite scored today.

Backers of the totalisator daily treble received £4,307 to a five shillings stake—odds of over 17,000 to one.

The horses concerned were Blue Lamp (10 to one), Castleton and Guiliano, winner of the last race at 20 to one.—Reuter.

Mervyn Rose Beats Seixas

London, June 19.

Irving Dorfman and the top three men of the Australian Davis Cup squad advanced to the semi-finals of the London Grass Courts Tennis Championships at Queen's Club today.

Dorfman, a hard-hitting New Yorker, kept the American hopes alive after Vic Seixas, the only other break in the Australian ranks in the quarter-finals, was beaten by Mervyn Rose 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Dorfman came on fast after a poor start to whip Ken Rosewall, one of Australia's best young threats, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

With Rose and Dorfman in the semi-finals are Frank Sedgman, the Wimbledon favourite, and lanky Ken McGregor. Dorfman plays Sedgman on Friday while Rose tackles McGregor.

LEFT HIMSELF OPEN

Seixas figured to beat Rose. He did in the Davis Cup last winter and he is seeded third to Rose's eighth at Wimbledon next week. But today he had trouble holding his service in both of the sets he lost and when he charged the net he too often left himself open.

Dorfman needed a set and a half to get started against Rosewall, who ousted defending champion Eric Sturgess of South Africa yesterday. Then he discovered that the Australian was weak on ground shots from the back court—and got the points.

Sedgman defeated Lewis Hoad (Australia) 7-5, 6-4 in a stiff match. Hoad led 3-0 and 4-1 in the first set but lost control of his service.

McGregor had a simple 6-4, 6-4 verdict over Don Candy (Australia).

The women's division lost its last American when Jean Troper, a 21-year-old English girl, upset Dorothy Head 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.—Associated Press.

RACE HORSES SAVED FROM BARN FIRE

St. Alban's, Hertfordshire, June 19.

Several race horses were saved from a fire today at Plaistow's Farm, St. Alban's.

A barn adjoining the racing stables was badly damaged before the fire was brought under control.

In the stables were nine horses—six National Hunt steeplechasers and three flat runners.

Among them were Starast, Prince de Armani, Paoli, Nicotine and Princess Lullaby.

None of them was hurt. The stables are owned by Mr Victor Brunt.—Reuter.

League Bowls

In a First Division League Lawn Bowls match at Sookunpoo yesterday, Indian Recreation Club defeated Police Recreation Club by 66-44 and on all rinks to gain maximum points.

S. Yusuf, U. A. Rumjahn, K. M. Omar and A. M. Omar (IRC) beat G. Watt, C. Bowman, C. Pope and H. B. Dewar 21-14.

A. R. Minu, J. Hoosen, K. M. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu beat T. Kavanagh, T. Reynolds, J. W. McDonald and J. Goodman 23-12.

M. I. Razack, I. Ali, A. R. Kitchell and M. B. Hassan beat R. Finney, G. E. Willerton, K. Bodie and W. R. Hillyer 22-16.

OPEN PAIRS

In an Open Pairs match played at HKFC yesterday, L. Gaddi and J. McKelvie beat F. Angus and W. Williamson 29-13.

THOMAS CUP BADMINTON IN MALAYA WAS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR THOUSANDS

By "ARGONAUT"

The Thomas Cup badminton series in Malaya a fortnight ago, followed by the Unofficial Individual World Championships at Kuala Lumpur, have been a memorable experience for the nearly 100,000 spectators from all over Southeast Asia who watched these games and also for the hundreds of thousands of others who followed the matches over Radio Malaya.

For Malaya it was a most successful series. They retained the Thomas Cup, emblem of international shuttle supremacy, for the second time in succession since the competition began. Malaya's representatives also swept up practically everything in the Individual Championships.

Hongkong, too, had her share of special moments and treasured memories of this series and it is a pity that she was not more largely represented.

Although it was conceded by many top authorities in the game that the standard in this series had not been as high as that of the 1949 series, in England, the Hongkong representatives saw enough of what world class badminton was like, as played by no less than the best 20 or so exponents of the game in the world.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

So many were the highlights that it would take chapters to even enumerate them, but brilliantly focused on the background of frenzied cheering and dramatic scenes of triumphant victory and despairing defeat were the superb artistry of such players as Wong Peng-soon, and Martin Mendez, the latter with his amazing store of stamina, the fighting qualities of the Indians, who after upsetting the Danes in the zone semi-final nearly succeeded in bringing off the biggest upset in the history of the game.

After being down by three matches to one, the Indians rallied back to four-all in their zone final against the Americans and were actually enjoying a one-set and 8-2 lead in the deciding match before they lost the match and tie.

There was also that gallant fight put up by the American Doubles pair, Wynn Rogers and Bob Williams, in the challenge round against Malaya when they disposed of the Malayan Champions, A. Piruz and Chan Kon-leong, and nearly dispelled the belief that the Malayans were unbeatable in the Doubles by extending the top ranking Malayan pair, Ong Poh-lim and Ismail bin Marjan, to three closely contested sets.

In the Individual Championships there was that biggest upset of the tournament and probably the most gallant effort of the Championships when Abdullah Piruz, the youthful Selangor Champion, wobbling on his feet and almost tottering to the floor in his third set against Martin Mendez, came back from a 2-12 score with the hardest smashes of the series, to beat the American top ranking ace.

LESSON FOR HONGKONG

For Hongkong players who saw Piruz in action and also for the great number of players here in the Colony who had been complaining that two matches a day were too much for them, a worthy lesson could be learnt.

In one day at the Kuala Lumpur Championships, Piruz played no less than five matches. Three of these were semi-finals and two were finals, and all these were not against ordinary players but the world's best.

The Kuala Lumpur Championships also marked Hongkong's first participation in a world competition, and for a first attempt, it was more than satisfactory.

Limited to only two entries, Hongkong entered Ramon Young and W. F. Foo in the Singles event which attracted 28 entries in all.

Foo had the bad luck to be drawn against Ooi Teik-hock, to whom he lost by 1-15 and 3-15.

Young put up a creditable fight against the No. 2 American, left-handed and six-foot tall Dick Mitchell. Young astounded the crowd when he repeatedly caught Mitchell with backhand cross net shots in the first set to win it by 15-8.

Over confidence in his stamina and the greater experience and fluency of strokes of his opponent rendered Young an easy prey in the remaining two sets.

Mitchell kept away from the net after the first set, and Young got himself drawn into a baseline duel, in which Mitchell's superior reach and harder hitting gradually wore him down and forced him to make half court returns.

Mitchell had very little difficulty in breezing through the remaining two sets 15-6 and 15-5.

For the Hongkong player, the match provided an excellent lesson in tactical play of taking an opponent away from his favourite stroke, and also in the immense importance of the production of effortless but accurate strokes with the minimum strain.

THE MODERN TREND

The modern trend of the Singles game as exhibited by Dave Freeman, Wong Peng-soon and Martin Mendez is one of accurate sustained pressure which is increased with every stroke during a rally, so that the opponent finds the shuttle further and further away after every stroke.

This is achieved not by the force and speed with which the shuttle is hit, but by the accurate placing of the shuttle to the intended spot, and the ability to get to the shuttle faster than the opponent by their anticipation, footwork, and ability to make full use of their arm and leg stretch.

In the Men's Doubles Young and Foo found themselves against no less reputed a pair than the Malayan Champions, Piruz and Chan Kon-leong. They put up a good fight for the first half of the first set, but gradually got left behind by 8-15 and cracked up in the second set to lose by 1-15.

Unlike the Singles game, speed and power are the essence of the Doubles, and the ability of Ong Poh-lim and Ismail bin Marjan to twice defeat Piruz and Chan Kon-leong came from their superiority in both, particularly in power.

Kon-leong is a brilliant tactician and defender, but lacks a smash, repeatedly being left powerless when forced to the base.

WITH FLYING COLOURS

Hongkong's ladies, however, came through with flying colours and to Helen Kwong went the distinction of being the only foreign competitor to stop Kuala Lumpur Championship finals from being an All-Malayan affair.

Only Hongkong and Malaya were represented in the ladies' events, the absence of such world renowned European feminine stars as Mrs G. Ahm and Miss Anne Jacobsen of Denmark being keenly felt.

In all their matches the Hongkong representatives, who included Miss Ulian Khoo, and also a one-time Hongkong player, Mrs Ivy Foong, who was formerly Miss Ivy Choong, put up stern resistance before going down.

Helen Kwong was teamed with the Selangor runner-up, Miss Leong May-pheng, in the Ladies' Doubles. Miss Leong was rather unlucky to have her knee slightly disabled before the match.

Ulian Khoo was teamed up with Mrs Ivy Foong and reached the semi-final before losing to the eventual Champions, Mrs Cecilia Samuel and Miss Queenie Cheah, by 7-15 and 5-15, while Helen Kwong and Leong May-pheng succumbed also to the champions in the final by 5-15 and 12-15.

In the rallies the Hongkong girls were equal to the Malayan girls, but the most noticeable advantage enjoyed by the Malayans was their ability to follow up the openings and make kills, especially at the net.

Both Queenie Cheah and Mrs Samuel possessed that powerful Doubles weapon—the deadly tap at the net. Time and again they would follow up their attacking shots right up to the net.

CLASS BY HERSELF

In a class by herself among the lady contestants however was Mrs Cecilia Samuel who won all the three titles.

Although almost 40, she still retains amazing speed and agility. A left handed player, she very seldom made any errors and although not a hard hitter possessed all round strokes, being specially deadly with her net and drop shots.

The Ladies' Singles event was contested by only five competitors. Out of these, Hongkong's Ulian Khoo, scratched her first round match, due to having to play three matches on the same day.

This drew a little amount of criticism from the organisers, who rightly maintained that they already had enough trouble in leaving out a number of entries, and in fixing out the day's programme for the paying public.

This should be another lesson worth remembering by local players when participating in foreign competitions.

CHAMPION

Most successful competitor at the Kuala Lumpur Championships was Mrs Cecilia Samuel who won the Ladies' Singles, the Ladies' Doubles and Mixed Doubles titles.

RUNNER-UP

Ladies' Singles runner-up at the Kuala Lumpur Championships was Miss Queenie Cheah of Penang. Miss Cheah won the Ladies' Doubles with Mrs Samuel and with A. Piruz was runner-up in the Mixed Doubles.

A LITTLE MAN IN A BLUE SUIT IS IN NO GREAT HURRY

London, June 19.

Seven, one, twenty-six, were the numbers on the race board of the three winning horses at the Ascot track on Thursday which won for the little man in a blue suit £4,300 for an outlay of five shillings.

But the little man did not show up to claim his winnings. The manager of the totalisator waited around for nearly an hour after the last race had been run, and then closed down the machine.

The little man in the blue suit, the only one of 19,140 bettors to land the day's Ascot treble event run by the totalisator, has nine days in which to claim his winnings at the London headquarters of the Race Course Betting Control Board which operates the totalisator.

That little man in the blue suit was very much in luck on Thursday.

The "Tote operator" who sold him his ticket remembers him so clearly.

CHANGED HIS MIND

He chose a horse in the last race, but a few minutes before starting time, he came back and said he had changed his mind. He was allowed to alter his ticket to number 20.

That was the number of a horse called Giuliano which won easily and paid odds of just over 20 to 1.

The little man in the blue suit had earlier picked the other long shot, Blue Lamp, and Castleton, both of which were booted home by jockey Doug Smith.

It could be the little man in the blue suit is a Smith too.—Associated Press.

Pakistan Olympic Team In London

London, June 19.

A tyre burst on a BOAC Argonaut plane carrying 20 members of Pakistan's Olympic team as it landed here tonight.

The landing was not affected.

Wing-Commander H. R. Scott, Secretary of the team, said, "This is a much stronger team than the one we sent four years ago. We hope that our sprinters, our Marathon runner, Mahmoud Aslam, and our 10,000-metre walking champion, Allah Ditta, will do well."—Reuter.

Hockey "Test" At Christchurch

Wellington, June 19.

The Royal Pakistan Air Force hockey team now touring Australia will play a "Test" match against New Zealand at Christchurch on June 28.

The side will arrive at Christchurch on June 27 from Brisbane.—Reuter.

KCC Team For The Liberation Shield Match

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in their Liberation Shield Lawn Bowls match against Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday at Austin Road at 4 p.m.—W. E. Colledge, W. H. Cowle, E. R. Rozselet, F. Goodwin; H. Gittins, L. Bones, M. J. Divecha, G. Lee; R. E. Lee, A. J. Kew, R. S. Capell, E. C. Fincher; J. G. Robertson, E. Gifford, C. I. Stapleton, J. A. Tibble; F. Marsh, F. A. Howarth, F. R. Kermani, W. Hong Sling; M. A. Grimpel, S. A. Gray, J. T. Tang, W. J. Howard; B. A. Shirazee, T. W. R. Wilson, J. N. Wong, C. Thompson; H. W. Close, S. Ramchand, T. E. Baker, J. Chubb.

Reserves, T. W. Coxall, R. Bailey.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS FOR THE WEEK-END LEAGUE MATCHES

The following are Club selections for League Lawn Bowls fixtures this week-end:

HKCC

6nd Division v Kowloon CC (Home) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—F.C.B. Black, E.J.R. Mitchell, R. A. Edwards, J. Prentice; T.C. Fairburn, R.J. Wyper, F.E. Skinner, F. Marshall; H.F. Shields, E.E. Wallwork, F.D. Angus, W. Williamson.

HKERC

3rd Division v Club de Recreio (Home) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—J.K. Mundy, A.P. Tarbuck, L. Gibson, A.G. Gardner; F.A. Golding, G.W.K. Crawford, J.F. Barron, E. Poulson; C.W. Johnson, E. Wolstenholme, V. Kruse, V. Bench.

Filipino Club

2nd Division v Kowloon Bowling Green Club (Away) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—H.J. Noronha, B. Basa, V.A. Ribeiro, W.F. Chang; L.S. Silva, D.A. Nelah, F.J. Hunt, H. S. Remedios; C.A. Coelho, F.G. da Lux, A.W. Mehal, J.W. Lee.

3rd Division v Kowloon Docks (Away) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—M.T. Nunes, L.A. Peres, R.J. Manalac, F. Tan; V.A. Novoa, L. J. Castilho, M.H. Jono, P.M. Garcia; F.J. Rodrigues, H.A. Ribeiro, R. J. Ribeiro, C. M. Xavier.

Recreio

1st Division v Hongkong FC (Away) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—J.F.V. Ribeiro, C.C. Pereira, C. Roza Pereira, A.P. Pereira; J.E. Noronha, A. M. Souza, L. F. Xavier, G.A. Guterres; J.A. Luz, C.E. Passos, E.M. Alarcoun, A.A. Lopes.

2nd Division v Indian RC "A" (Away) on Saturday at 4 p.m.—C. A. Danenberg, G.A. Noronha, L.M. Rodrigues, A.A.G. Silva; A. F. Gomes, D.F. Marques, P.A. Costa; R.M.V. Ribeiro, J.C. Remedios, N.A. Belirao, S.E. Souza, J.F. Silva.

3rd Division v Hongkong Electric RC (Away) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—J.A. Blasco, A.A. Guterres, R.A. Campos, C.A. Noronha; A.A. Remedios, J.A. Victor, A.P. Nicol Pereira, M.P. Pereira; L.A. Rozario, J. Gutierrez, M.A. Ferreira, G.A. Pinna.

KKCC

1st Division v Craigengower CC (Away) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—E. Greenwood, P. Hughes, G. Norman, J. McKelvie; F. Francis, J. Meyer, A. Harvey, R.T. Robertson; G.E.F. Thomson, L. Cadell, A. Eastman, W.C. Simpson.

2nd Division v Filipino Club (Home) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—J.W. Bellamy, C.W. Greaves, G.A. Mackrell, A. Bailey; J.M. Martin, W. Russell, A.M. Buchanan, E.M. Purvis; G. Volkhert, C. Richards, E.F.S. Baker, R.H. Browne.

HKC

2nd Division "A" v Club de Recreio (Home) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—S.O. Dux, A.H. Seemin, M.Y. Adal, A.M. Wahab; A.M. Kadir, I. Kitchell, J.M.A. Ramjahn, A.R. Razack; A.B. Kitchell, S. Bucks, S.M. Rumjahn, A.R.A. Rahman.

HKFC

1st Division v Club de Recreio (Home) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—I. Urquhart, A.L. Roberts, T.O. Morgan, L.G. Young; A.W. Hiscock, T. Styles, J.G. Shaw, J. McCutcheon; T. Worrall, W. McColl, R.G. Butler, K. Farrow.

3rd Division v Kowloon CC (Away) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—E. Liddell, E. Gautier, N. Craig, G. Sherriff; P. Cottler, L. Parker, F. Young, J. Sloan; J. McAusland, S. Mills, E.F. Gee, K. Baker.

Taikoo

1st Division v Kowloon CC (Home) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—H.R. Griffin, J.D. Baxter, R.D. Marshall, J.H. Klumburg; Steven, G.H. Clayton, W.G. Brown, W. Melrose; C. McLennan, B.D. Baker, A. Stullen, J.C. Chalmers; Reserve: J. Rowan.

KCC

1st Division v Taikoo Club (Away) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—A.V. Lopes, T.E. Baker, C. Thompson, F. Goodwin, J.N. Wong, A.J. Kew, R.S. Capell, E.C. Fincher; W.E. Colledge, E.R. Rozselet, F.R. Kermani, W. Hong Sling.

2nd Division v Hongkong FC (Away) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—H. Gittins, L. Bones, M.J. Divecha, L. Bruny; J.G. Robertson, E. Gifford, C.I. Stapleton, J.A. Tibble; M.A. Grimpel, J. Tang, G. Lee, W.J. Howard.

3rd Division v Hongkong FC (Home) on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.—E. Lee, D.A. Rilvaree, W.M. S. Wilson, S.A. Gray, F.A. Broadbridge, A.J. Maitland, F.A. Howarth, W.H. Cowle; T. Marsh, C.T. Chenpeiyier, S. Shamband, J. Chubb.

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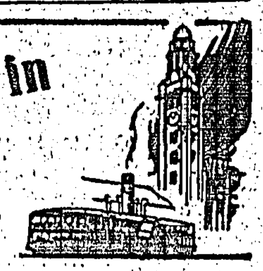

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"BENAVON"	Havre, London and Rotterdam.	4th Aug.
"BENVENUE"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin and Hamburg.	12th Aug.
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Bangkok "Getting Tough" With Chinese Minority

Bangkok, June 20.

The attitude of the present Phibun Government towards the large Chinese minority in Thailand is believed to be toughening with the recent arrest of seven prominent Chinese merchants and the seizure of three Chinese radio transmitters linking Bangkok with Hongkong.

The merchants were arrested for their alleged connection with opium smuggling and for "commercial racketeering."

The seized radio stations maintained commercial connection with Hongkong. This link between the Chinese towkays of Bangkok and their Hongkong brethren is traditional and has had considerable effect on Bangkok commerce, governing currency exchange rates, gold and commodity prices.

The radio stations are also symbols of the Chinese commercial empire which extends throughout Southeast Asia and which recognises no frontiers. Bangkok is one of the most important strongholds in this empire and the Thais resent it.

The Chinese undoubtedly have a stranglehold over the commerce of Thailand. Observers here consider it doubtful whether anything short of a major pogrom could shake their hold on the business life of this country, which is largely the creation of the Chinese.

Of the 18,000,000 inhabitants of Thailand, between three and four million are Chinese who have steadfastly refused to be absorbed into their country of adoption. Their devotion to their homeland and the customs of their fathers is expressed not only through the habits of their daily lives but also through scores of associations dedicated to keep alive their connections with China.

WIDENING GULF

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After the Chinese Revolution of 1911 immigrants began to bring wives with them and tended to remain apart from the Thais. A gulf grew up between the two peoples which widened after 1932, when the absolute monarchy in Thailand was abolished.

The Chinese became the chief target of the new Thai nationalism and during the Japanese war they were made aliens in a country which many of them had come to regard as their only home.

Under persistent pressure the Chinese have proudly retained their own customs, their own language, clothes, schools and so on. Observers here believe that the majority of Chinese in Thailand are not Communistically inclined. Many Chinese merchants who have been pressed for increased remittances lest their families in China be persecuted openly voice their disapproval of the Communist regime, which has violated the link between overseas Chinese and the homeland.—Reuter.

PRISON TERMS FOR WOMEN

Naples, June 19.

Three women, said to belong to the Italian Communist Party, were today sentenced to three months' imprisonment each for "attempting to incite demonstrations" against General Matthew B. Ridgway during his visit to Naples two days ago.

Two of the sentences were suspended and the women set free. The third accused, alleged to have a criminal record, was sent to prison.—Reuter.

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Auckland, June 20.

New Zealand farmers, responding to appeals to grow more food for the people of Britain, are stepping up production.

But the increase is likely to be steady and sustained rather than dramatic.

Development schemes under way on New Zealand's idle acres cover a total area of some 380,000 acres of unimproved land in the Auckland province. Large sections of this area will come into production within the next five years but by the end of next year (1953) over 400 newly developed farms in the province will already be producing food for Britain.

As the main farming season of this year nears its end—winter has arrived in New Zealand—Britain's share of the Dominion's production will be more lamb, mutton and beef than last year, the same quantity of butter and less cheese.

Meat killings to date are about 60,000 tons above those for the same period last year and include an additional million carcases of lamb.

The possibility of reviving New Zealand's chilled beef trade with Britain was given fresh emphasis by the announcement that a trial shipment of 60 tons of chilled beef will be sent to Britain from New Zealand early in July.

This will be the first since the trade was discontinued in 1939.—Reuter.

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"BIR HAKEIM"	June 26	June 30	Japan
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"MEKONG"	July 15	July 21	Japan
			Homeward For
†"MONKAY"	June 26	July 1	N. Africa & Europe
•"LA MARSEILLAISE"	July 11	July 15	Marseilles via Saigon
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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT

Newspaper Criticism Of Mr. Lyttelton

Not Enough Being Done In The Sterling Area

London, June 13.

An editorial in the influential Financial Times, giving wholehearted support for the development of Empire resources, has prompted criticism of the Colonial Secretary, Mr Lyttelton, and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Thorneycroft, from the Empire-conscious Daily Express.

The Express commends the Financial Times for "a closely reasoned leading article" which insists that the only way to permanent British recovery is by the extensive development of the Colonies and by the integration of inter-Imperial trade.

Then, discussing the Colonial Office and the Board of Trade, the Express editorial says the occupants of those jobs—Mr Lyttelton and Mr Thorneycroft—have much in common. "Both talk vaguely and platitudinously about the Empire. Neither of them ever makes the slightest effort to bring its glories into being.

"Mr Lyttelton is the big disappointment, for much was expected of him. It was believed he held the Imperial faith. In contrast, little was expected of Mr Thorneycroft. But, in fact, Mr Thorneycroft gives less than little. Not only does he do nothing to advance the Empire cause, he does much to impede it."

The Express refers to Mr Thorneycroft's most recent statement on G.A.T.T. (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) — "the international agreement which chokes and stifles Imperial trade."

"Mr Thorneycroft hints that Britain may quit G.A.T.T. But when? He tells the Commons that an escape from G.A.T.T cannot even be considered till after the summer recess. Why ever not? Must Empire trade perish while Mr Thorneycroft cogitates?"

The Financial Times concentrated most of its editorial on the expansion of raw materials production in the Empire. It said the possibilities of greater production were, of course, not unknown. Nor would the difficulties which had prevented their realisation melt away before a conference. At the very best, decisions taken now would take years, not months, to fructify.

URGENT MATTER

"What an Empire conference could do, however, and what should be done even without a conference, is to publicise the implications of concentrating on production in the Sterling Area," continues the Financial Times.

"One thing is certain. The longer these schemes take to mature the greater is the danger that some crisis will intervene before they can make a significant difference. What is needed is a much greater sense of urgency in hastening them forward."

The Financial Times added that the search for new sources of raw materials should not be inhibited. There were several outstanding materials to which attention could and should be directed straight away.

One group of raw materials on which dollar expenditure had been greatly increased recently was the group of non-ferrous metals.

COULD BE EXPANDED

"What are the resources of the Commonwealth?" asked the Financial Times. And it went on to list copper in Northern Rhodesia, lead and zinc in Australia, tin in Malaya.

"In each of these countries production could be expanded with the necessary investment—though often the investment needed is indirect rather than direct—on coal in the Rhodesias, transport facilities in Australia, and on stability followed by prospecting in Malaya.

"Besides this, however, there are lead and zinc in Nigeria, bauxite to be turned into aluminium on the Gold Coast, and more bauxite in Jamaica and Malaya as well.

"Production in all these places could be expanded or hastened if the necessary equipment were made available," the Financial Times said.

MINISTER'S STATEMENT

"Expenditure within Colonial development plans must be related to the long-term needs of each territory but the Government continues to emphasise to all Colonial Governments the importance of devoting particular attention to economic development at the present time," said Mr Harry Hopkinson, Minister of State for the Colonies, in the House of Commons yesterday.

He had been asked by Mr Thomas Reid, Lab., Swindon, if "in view of the urgent need for wealth-producing schemes in the Colonies" he would depart from the present practice of spending, under the 10-year development plans, only about as much on economic development as on social services.

Mr Reid also asked what wealth-producing schemes had been sanctioned in the Colonies as a result of the work of the Colonial Primary Products Committee, apart from those undertaken by the Colonial Development and Overseas Food Corporations.

Mr Hopkinson replied: "The purpose of the Committee was to review the possibilities of increasing Colonial production in the light of present and prospective world needs. Their reports provided, as was intended, a useful background against which specific schemes of development could be planned both by Colonial Governments and by private enterprise."

NO SURPLUS MEAT

The Minister added that it was not possible to say which of the various schemes started since the Committee reported, resulted from the Committee's work.

Answering another question about the possibility of the United Kingdom obtaining appreciable supplies of meat from Colonial territories, Mr Hopkinson said that apart from a little canned beef from East Africa and some mutton from the Falkland Islands, there was no surplus meat available from the territories.

"In most territories there is a large and growing demand for meat which is at present unsatisfied. Imports of carcase meat from many parts of Africa would in any case be impossible owing to the risk of infecting our own livestock with rinderpest."

Asked about a possible expansion of maize growing in the Colonies, Mr Hopkinson said maize was almost entirely a peasant crop and more exacting in its soil and climatic needs than other crops. Where conditions were suitable, however, cultivation was being encouraged, primarily to meet local needs.

"Development of a suitable hybrid maize would increase production but apart from that any large expansion could only be at the expense of other crops," he said.

Japan-Taiwan Barter

Taipei, June 19.

According to reliable sources a new barter pact is to be signed between Japan and Taiwan, increasing the volume of goods exchanged from 100,000,000 new Taiwan dollars to 160,000,000.

Each side will have a credit of 80,000,000 new Taiwan dollars for a year. Taiwan will continue to sell to Japan rice, sugar, salt and fruits; and Japan will send fertilisers, light machinery, metals and textiles.—France-Presse.

Indonesian Financial Position

"PRECARIOUS AND SOMBRE"

Djakarta, June 19.

The Indonesian Government said today that the Island Republic's financial position is "precarious and sombre" and general conditions are "gloomy."

The admission came a few hours before Premier Wilpo's three-month old Cabinet was due to face a Parliamentary vote of confidence.

Replying to a debate on a number of issues, the Premier read a statement tracing his Government's efforts since it took over on April 1, after the regime of his predecessor collapsed in a dispute over whether to accept Mutual Security Aid from the United States.

Regarding relations with Japan, Mr Wiltpo said:

"There is a strong trend in our country that rejects the San Francisco Treaty because it regards acceptance of it as taking sides with the Western Bloc and as deviating from an independent policy.

"However, we cannot ignore the fact that Japan has now become an independent and sovereign State.

"Therefore, the Government has adopted a middle course and awaits further developments.

"The Government deems it necessary to keep up existing trade relations and for this purpose plans to open a Consulate-General in Japan."—Associated Press.

Advance In NY Cotton Futures

New York, June 19.

Cotton futures after a buoyant start regained rallying power, finally to close within striking distance of the day's best levels. July reached 40.68 cents a pound.

Experts said the rise was impressive in view of the generally favourable tenor of crop news plus a pause in demand for textiles and a growing coterie of observers who felt that the market is entitled to a technical setback.

The leading spot interest was a more active seller on the advance. They were credited with putting about 13,000 bales into the ring, including 6,000 bales in July, 10,000 in October and around 3,000 bales in December position.

The crop news was regarded favourably. Textile market activity slackened.

The market opened up 1 to 12 points. It edged up to gains of 18 to 24 points at the forenoon. It dipped up to 20 points from the high in the mid-afternoon, then rallied again on covering by day traders to close a net 9 to 16 points higher.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	42.00
July	40.62
October	37.60-37.59
December	37.46
March (1953)	37.29
May	37.12 nominal
July	36.60 nominal
October	35.00
December	34.79 nominal

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot	40.90
July	40.64-40.66
October	37.55-37.59
December	37.42-37.43
March (1953)	37.27 bid
May	37.10
July	37.07 bid
October	—
December	34.80 bid

—United Press.

Budget Deficit In U.S.

LESS THAN THE ESTIMATE

Washington, June 19.

The Government will wind up its year two to three billion dollars better off than it expected. But it will still be deep in the red.

Government experts, speaking privately, said today that the deficit — the amount by which the Government overspends its income — is likely to be less than 6¼ billion when the fiscal year ends on June 30. It might be as low as 5-1/3 billion.

President Truman, in his budget message last January, estimated the Government's deficit would be $8,200,000,000.

The President estimated total spending would jump 59 per cent above last year due to a huge expansion in rearming the U.S. and friendly foreign countries. But the military expansion has not taken place on that scale.

Officials now say that spending will fall at least 3½ billion, and possibly more than four billion, below Mr Truman's $70,000,000,000 spending estimate.

TAXES UP

Whatever its effect on Western defences, this fall will much more than compensate for a decline in tax revenues below the expected total.

Taxes are up—but they may fall some 1½ billion dollars short of the $62,700,000,000 Mr Truman budgeted.

On the spending side, slower-than-expected military deliveries are likely to continue and to keep outlays for the year beginning July 1 below the $85,400,000,000 level aimed at by the President. Congress may reduce that further by cutting appropriations.

In any case, prospects are that the Government's deficit for fiscal 1953 will be scaled down substantially from Mr Truman's $14,400,000,000 forecast.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at $187,546.30. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1375	1385	10 @ 1380
INSURANCES			
Union	737½		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav.	1.62½		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	78½		
N. Pt. Wharf	5½	5.50	
Dividend	10½		
Wheelock	42½	43	100 @ 43
			400 @ 42½
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	6½		
HK Land		43	
HK Land (R)	13.40		800 @ 13½
Humphreys	10½		
UTILITIES			
Tram	10	10.10	1000 @ 10
Star Ferry		99	
C. Light (O)	8.30	8.40	2500 @ 8.35
			500 @ 8.35
			3000 @ 8.35
C. Light (N)	8.30		
Electric			851 @ 21.30
			1200 @ 21.30
Telephone	15.70		1600 @ 15.70
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	14.20	14.60	
Rope		17.20	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	16.70	16.90	
L. Crawford			
(Rts.)		7.75	
Sincores	3		600 @ 3
COTTONS			
Ewo	1.90	2	100 @ 1.90
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	4.75		

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.88
Sterling note (per £1)	19.52
Indonesia guilders (per 100)	5.14
Siam ticals (per 100)	21.00
Singapore (Straits)	1.622
PIC piastres (per 100)	12.20

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, June 19.

The tin market was steady this morning, though turnover was only moderate, totalling 35 tons, of which 10 tons were for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	968½
Spot tin, sellers	969
Business done at	969-968
Three-months tin, buyers	966
Three-months tin, sellers	966½
Business done at	967-966
Settlement	968½

—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, June 19.

World sugar futures closed today 2 to 5 higher with sales totalling 639 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed 3 higher to 2 lower with sales totalling 304 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (world)	
July	4.84 asked
September	4.23-4.24
November	4.20 bid
Spot	4.22
Contract No. 6	
July	6.02-6.03
September	0.12
November	0.12
Spot	0.03

—United Press.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

SAILINGS		To
"EASTWAY"	June 19	Singapore, Belawan Deli, Penang & Port Swettenham
"TJIPANAS"	June 24	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	July 1	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TASMAN"	July 1	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJITJALENGKA"	July 6	Japan (via Manila)
"TJIPONDOK"	July 8	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIPANAS"	July 8	Manila, Singapore, Penang & S. Africa
"BUYS"	July 9	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJILUWAH"	July 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIKAMPEK"	July 27	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIWANGI"	Aug. 1	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"EASTWAY"	Aug. 6	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"BOISSEVAIN"	Aug. 8	Japan
"TJITJALENGKA"	Aug. 9	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJISADANE"	Aug. 9	Japan
"TJIBODAS"	Aug. 12	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJILUWAH"	Aug. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Aug. 21	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJIWANGI"	Sept. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIPONDOK"	Sept. 7	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"BOISSEVAIN"	Sept. 9	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJILUWAH"	Sept. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIKAMPEK"	Sept. 25	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIWANGI"	Oct. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar

ARRIVALS		From
"EASTWAY"	June 21	Japan
"TJIPANAS"	June 22	S. Africa, Mauritius & Singapore
"TJIWANGI"	June 23	Macassar, Surabaia, Semarang, Djakarta & Singapore
"TASMAN"	July 2	Japan
"BUYS"	June 7	Japan

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"ALMKERK"	Sailed	May 23	July 4
"ARENDSKERK"		July 2	Aug. 7
"KIELDRECHT"		Aug. 2	Sept. 7
"RIDDERKERK"		Sept. 2	Oct. 9
"BLITAR"		Oct. 2	Nov. 7

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Mixed Trend In Grains

Chicago, June 19.

Chicago grains joined the major commodities in a mixed performance with advances outnumbering declines and featured by the strength in vegetable oils.

Wheat closed 1½ to 1¾ higher and soybeans were 2½ to 5 higher. Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.32½
July	2.30½
September	2.33½-2.34
December	2.35½-⅞
March (1953)	2.41¾
May	2.41½
Corn	
Spot	1.83¼
July	1.81¾-¾
September	1.82½-¾
December	1.75¾-¾
March (1953)	1.77¾
May	1.80¼ bid
Rye	
July	2.03½
September	2.12½
Oats	
July	78¾-⅞
September	81½-¾

New York flour—per 200 lb. Sack. $12.80 nominal.—United Press.

Weekly Bank Statement

London, June 19.

The Bank of England statement for the week ending June 18 reads as follows:—

Notes in circulation	£1,451,093,000
Public deposits	24,018,000
Private deposits	257,625,000
Government securities	247,111,000
Other securities	31,577,000
Receipts	20,747,000
Bank ratio	0.4

—United Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, June 19.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	
July	89½-89
August	88½-⅝
September	—
Number 2 rubber, July	85¼-86
Number 3 rubber, July	81¼-¾
Number 4 rubber, July	75-76
Spot rubber, unbaled	88¼-89
Blanket crepe	68-70
No. 1 pale crepe	107-112

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, June 19.

Prices of rubber futures closed today 10 to 35 points higher with sales totalling 77 contracts.

September	29.70
October	29.26 nominal
November	28.83 "
December	28.40 "
January (1953)	28.00 nominal
February	27.73 "
March	27.40 "
April	26.17 "
May	26.05 "
June	26.57 "
July	26.20 "
August	25.83 "
September	25.53 "

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, June 19.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	
In pence	26½-27
July	26¼-27
August	26½-27
September	26-26½
July/September	26¼-¾
October/December	25½-¾
January/March	24½-25

—United Press.

Seeds And Oils

New York, June 19.

Prices in the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exception:—

Flax Seed, per bushel, F.O.B. Minneapolis $4.00.—United Press.

Prices Of Jap Goods Up In Pl

Manila, June 19.

The uncertainty in commercial relations between the Philippines and Japan, due to antagonism of Opposition Nacionalista Senators to the ratification of the Japanese peace treaty, is being reflected in an upswing in the quotations of some Japanese goods here.

It was reported that prices of construction materials from Japan and other steel products, including structural items, are moving upwards as there is little hope of additional imports to replenish the dwindling stocks.

Trade intercourse between Japan and the Philippines permitting such importations will terminate on June 30 due to the non-ratification of the Japanese treaty.

The trade agreement with the former S.C.A.P. expired on April 28 with the coming into force of the peace pact. It was extended until June 30.

The Philippines has been depending heavily on Japanese steel and construction items for the past few months due to the difficulty of obtaining them from the U.S. which is currently giving priority to her armaments programme. — France-Presse.

Copra Quotation

New York, June 19.

Copra was quoted today at $142.50 per short ton, nominal. Cocoanut oil was quoted at 9¾ cents a pound, nominal.—United Press.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES IN N.Y.

New York, June 19.

Canada	US91.03⅛
England—official	2.78⅛
" unofficial	2.87 bid/ 2.90 asked
" 30-day futures	2.77⅝
" 90-day futures	2.76⅞
Australia	2.22½
New Zealand	2.77¼
South Africa	2.78⅛
Belgium	.0198⅛
Denmark	.1455
France	.0028-9/16
West Germany	4.20
Holland	.2636
Italy	.0016
Norway	.1403
Portugal	.0370
Spain	.0363
Sweden	.0635
Switzerland	.2316
MIDDLE EAST	
Egypt	2.80⅛
Iran	.03125
Iraq	2.81
Turkey	.5375
LATIN AMERICA	
Argentina	.0640
Brazil	.0500
Bolivia	—
Chile	.0085
Colombia	.4025
Cuba	1.00
Mexico	.1185
Peru	.0638
Uruguay	.3775
Venezuela	.2003
FAR EAST	
India	.2090
Pakistan	.2030
Hongkong	.1785
Indonesia	.3015
Singapore	.2295
Japan	360 yen to US$1

—United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, June 19.

Japanese bonds	
"A" (4s. of 1899)	80
"B" (4s. of 1910)	67
"C" (4s. of 1907)	119¾
"D" (5s. of 1934)	80⅛
"E" (5½s. of 1934)	180½
Consols	55⅞

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MINER'S ORDEAL

Durham, June 19.

Trapped 900 feet below the surface at Eppleton colliery, in Country Durham, for six hours, James Sleeman, 38-year-old filler of Hetton, was rescued today suffering from suspected fracture of a leg.

He was one of three men who were caught by the fall of stones after an explosion earlier in the day.

The two other men were released within an hour and taken to hospital at Sunderland. They were Norman Rees, 44-year-old filler of Houghton, who was injured in the back and legs, and John William Lee, 38, also a filler, who suffered a leg injury.—Reuter.

14 Turkish Socialists Arrested

Istanbul, June 19.

Fourteen of the 15 Turkish Socialist Party leaders whose homes and offices were raided on Tuesday have been put under arrest following their examination by a magistrate who charged them with plotting to overthrow the government.

An indictment charged that the Party failed to observe the law on political association, made illegal propaganda among the peasants and workers, aimed at the elimination of the capitalist class and organised robberies to raise Party funds.

The chief defendant, attorney A Mustecalioglu, the Party leader, denied all the charges and said the raids and arrests were a plot against the legitimate "revolutionary Ataturkist Nationalist Party."

With the arrests the Party was temporarily banned and all its assets confiscated.—Associated Press.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

If Weasel's age is m years and Mrs. Weasel's age n years:
$(m+13)(n-7) = mn+1$
So $13n = 7m+92$
By inspection (1) m=11, n=13
(2) m=24, n=20
(3) m=37, n=27
and so on.
From Winnie's last clue, the relevant solution is clearly (3).
So Mrs. Polecat is 20.
London Express Service.

Injunction Against Tanker

Extended A Month

Aden, June 19.

Judge Ralph Campbell of the Aden Supreme Court ruled here today that the controversial cargo of Persian crude oil aboard the Italian tanker, Rose Mary, must stay here for another month.

Captain Guiseppe Iafrate, the worried little Master of the 632-ton tanker, stayed aboard his ship while the hearing went on ashore.

He was named as one of the defendants in the suit brought by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. The other defendant was the Teresita Shipping Company, owners of the tanker.

The judge gave orders extending till July 15 the injunction granted on the cargo yesterday only a few hours after the battered vessel had limped into port.

Mr A. E. Kazi, a barrister representing the owners, raised no objection to the injunction and said he was willing for it to be continued pending a final decision on the action.

OIL SAMPLES

Judge Campbell gave permission to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company to take samples of the Rose Mary's oil which will be sent to London for analysis in an effort to prove that the oil has come from the oilfields the company lays claim to.

Signor Martinelli, personal representative here of the owners, said in an interview today that the Rose Mary was chartered to the Bubenberg Company of Spietz, Switzerland, for one round trip from Italy to the Persian Gulf.

"This included a port selling Persian, Shell or Kuwait oil," he said. "But the charterers were warned against loading at a port which might involve the the vessel in any major dispute about the ownership of the oil.

"Whilst the Master of the Rose Mary was in the Persian Gulf, he was instructed in a cable from the charterers to proceed to Bandar Mashur to load a cargo, this being Persian oil, and was therefore forced to do so."

Signor Martinelli confirmed that it was the owners who ordered Skipper Iafrate to put into Aden.—Reuter.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Case Of Eels

THE Hampshire countryside shimmered under the sun. Trout streams sparkled, banked rhododendrons walled the big houses, and no breeze moved the tall trees which stood like fine ladies at a garden party showing off their dresses. Except that cottagers kept their windows tight shut as cottagers do in fine weather, the atmosphere was one of innocence—as far removed from one of crime and wrongdoing as country lanes are from Soho alleyways.

Yet in Romsey's town hall, country folk were being accused of offences very similar, except that there were no shoplifters, to those which occupy the time of London courts.

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THE Town Hall, red brick, narrow-waisted, was obtained, so to speak, on the instalment system. It was built in 1866, finally paid for in 1879. But if the building is ugly, the court furnishings have interest and variety. On boards are listed the town's High Stewards from an Earl of Southampton in 1607 to Earl Mountbatten, 1941. The Mountbatten arms hang with others on the wall alongside signed photographs of royalty from the Earl's war-time headquarters. Two flags adorn the room—a standard of the Hampshire Volunteers and a 1914-18 war Stars and Stripes.

A portable contraption labelled "plaintiff" served for witness box, and defendants sat among the lawyers, instead of in a dock.

The bench were all grey-haired—a retired Colonel in the chair, with him a retired naval captain, a retired Colonial judge, a housewife in a black straw hat. In view of what has been said lately about J. P.s doodling and dozing, I must report that this quartet did neither.

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THE list before the court was not long. A farm labourer was summoned for not paying to his wife and children maintenance the court ordered a month ago. He was roughly a month in arrears. The order was for £4 5s. a week and his pay, the farm hand said, was £5 8s. from which he had to pay 30s. for lodgings to his mother.

"Are you prepared to make an offer to pay off the arrears?" the Clerk asked.

"Doan' see how I can," the man said.

He was ordered to pay £4 5s. a week as before, plus 5s. weekly towards the arrears, and he ruefully went back to the fields which townsfolk would have said were tended by men occupationally spared from worry.

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A YOUTH who stood in flannels, with thumbs in trouser pockets, was charged with manslaughter on a motorcycle, and a vast woman with grey bobbed hair, with stealing 2lb. of sugar, a jelly, and ½lb. of margarine from her roadside cafe employers.

She pleaded guilty, trembling as if the pockets of her black coat were full of jellies. She had been arrested while waiting for a bus and now she said: "I dunno what made me do it," like any London shoplifter.

"A very serious offence," the chairman said in a grating voice, after listening, ear cupped in hand, to the story. He and his colleagues conferred and little private smiles came and went across their faces. The woman was discharged conditionally and went off blushing scarlet.

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THEN came a country case. A man was summoned thus: "That he unlawfully and wilfully did attempt to take (otherwise than by angling) certain fish called eels of the value of 4s. these being found in a certain pond of water there situate wherein the informant had a private right of fishing, contrary to Section 24 of the Larceny Act of 1861."

The case had come up before and the defendant had asked for an adjournment; though the informant objected. Now the informant wrote a letter to the court: "As I do not wish to drop the case and cannot be at court today, I must ask for a further adjournment...." she had written.

The bench, after some formal nodding among themselves, agreed. The case was adjourned for a fortnight. Slippery creatures, eels. It is as well that London's light-fingered shoplifters are not exposed to the temptation of stealing them.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"If I accept a vacation job, how soon could I expect advancement to an executive position?"

Letters To The Editor

Urban Council

Sir,—With reference to your editorial in today's China Mail; it is very evident that members of the Urban Council must have taken much time in the past to "ponder," which accounts for things having moved so slowly. And if, after all these years they have been connected with the Urban Council, they are not aware of certain rights of the Urban Council, then they must be a sorry lot.

Mr Ruttonjee complains that the Council has insufficient staff. It seems there is also an insufficient number of keen, wide-awake members like Mr Bernacchi, who comes to the meeting with his aims and opinions already "advanced and crystallised," prepared to make quick decisions and to utilise to the utmost the limited time at his disposal.

Do the other members not read the papers and know that Mr Bernacchi meets the public (yes, irrespective of rank, race or creed!) to hear their views personally, to listen patiently, and to deal with their problems? There is nothing to stop the other members from attending these meetings if they can spare an hour or two to absorb what Mr Bernacchi takes the trouble to ascertain from the right source. If that is too much like hard work, perhaps at least one of our local newspapers could oblige and spare a weekly column or two for the members of the Urban Council to meet the public in print, to be enlightened as to their views, and to have time to "ponder" on the needs of the Hongkong public.

TAX-PAYER.

Sir,—I believe it is an accepted fact that the people of Hongkong have always viewed Government's effort to label this Colony as the "Show-window" of democracy with more than a little cynicism and sceptic'sm, so much so that the majority has given up hope of finding this much-vaunted "democracy". Fortunately, a group appears not to have given up hope of discovering this democracy, notwithstanding the fact that this would seem to be a difficult task.

Foremost in the ranks of those who maintains that democracy exists in Hongkong is the PRO—he dresses her becomingly, and on occasions decks her in her Sunday best, and succeeds occasionally in convincing people that whilst she may not yet be a boon companion, she is a nodding acquaintance and with time may become a true friend.

What a shocking discovery for the PRO and the handful of confident believers in democracy must the recent Urban Council antics be! What better example can there be of Bureaucracy stripping Democracy naked? There is no need to dwell at length on what has happened in the Council Chamber; there is urgent need for the public to ask; "Aside from the Senior Elected Unofficial Member, have we an Urban Council that is deaf to healthy discussion of public problems?"

Such problems should never be ruled out of order by any Body which purports to have the interest of the public at heart.

RICARDO R. LEAO.

DISMISSAL OF GOVT SERVANTS

The Gazette today announces that the following have been dismissed from Government service with dates of dismissal in parenthesis:

Revenue Inspector Class 1 P. F. Barnes (April 24) and Revenue Officer Class II Ko Chi-ming; (February 13).

Sub-Inspector Shin Ka-shing (May 17), and Police Constables Ling Siu-tin (April 1), Wai Hung (May 1), Shum Yim (May 1), Sun Man (May 2), Wong Po-sang (May 2), Chan Kwai (May 5), Pi King-yu (May 16), Tsung Yu-fung (May 16), Tsou Pen-sheng (May 16), Chan Yuk-tong (May 16), Wan Wih (May 16), Chan Man-chiu (May 17), Kwan Wing-nin (May 25), Chan Keung (May 25), Cheuk Ping-hang (May 25) and Lo Kei (May 26).

Artisan Grade II Wu Ngan (May 5); Sanitary Coolies Chan Ping-yin (May 3), Ng King (May 8), Tang Leung (May 12) and Lee Yik-keung (May 13); Squatter Patrol Coolies Ma Wing-chi (May 5), Ho Kwok-keung (May 12), and Chung Ping-yim (May 12); Rodent Control Coolies Yau Kwai-sang (May 12), Li Loi (May 12), Wong Chi (May 12), Pun Man-fai (May 12), Chan Wai (May 12) and Wong Sui-chuen (May 12).

Postman Sun Hoi (May 5).

Kowloon Canton Railway Porters Cheung Ham-kwong (May 5), Ng Wing-kwong (May 5) and Tang Hon-ping (May 5).

Royal Planes' Safety Lanes

London, June 19.

Strict rules for the establishment of "safety lanes" for aircraft carrying members of the British Royal Family were announced by the Ministry of Civil Aviation here today.

Temporary control corridors known as "Purple Airways" will be set up along routes followed by Royal planes.

They are to be about ten miles wide and from 1,000 to 3,000 yards in height.

No other aircraft will be allowed into them except on special instructions from ground control stations.—Reuter.

Criminal Sessions: A New Post-War Record Created

A post-war record was created at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The calendar contained the smallest number of cases since the Liberation.

There were only five cases, including two sedition indictments adjourned from the May Sessions.

Li Yu-hau, accused of robbery with aggravation, pleaded not guilty as did Cheung Tan, alias Cheung Kai-chuen, to a charge of throwing corrosive fluid with intent to do grievous bodily harm. They were both remanded for trial.

Chan Kwong, alias Chan Kuen-hung, facing a murder charge was informed by his Lordship that Counsel had been assigned to conduct his defence. The accused was accordingly remanded for plea and trial. It is understood Mr Charles E. Loseby, QC, is defending.

Addressing Mr Patrick Yu, Crown Counsel, his Lordship said, "Mr Yu, it is pleasing to note that not only has the low level of serious crime been maintained but this Session is a record for the smallest number of cases since the war. I have some hopes that you will be presenting to the Judge a pair of white gloves in the near future."

DEATH OF PROMINENT RESIDENT

Mr Edward H. Ray

The death occurred at his residence, 6 Macdonnell Road, yesterday evening of Mr Edward Henry Ray, a well-known and leading ship broker in Hongkong. He was 77, and was born in the Colony.

Mr Ray was the son of the late Mr Edward Constant Ray, prominent ship broker, who arrived in the Colony about 1850 together with his brother.

The deceased was educated at the Dollar Academy in Scotland, and later joined the Baltic (Shipping) Exchange. After spending some time there he came back to Hongkong about 1895 and joined his father.

The firm had an office in Queen's Road and when Messrs Butterfield and Swire first established themselves in the Colony their representative, a Mr Mackintosh, had a desk in Mr Ray's uncle's office.

Of a retiring disposition, the late Mr Ray was a man of the highest integrity and was a prominent Mason. He retired from active business in 1932.

LIFETIME INTEREST

During his lifetime, Mr Ray was greatly interested in education and he anonymously assisted a large number of young people from time to time in the furtherance of their studies.

At the outbreak of the European War in 1939, the Hongkong Government appointed Mr Ray as Secretary of the Hongkong Shipping Board because of his wide knowledge of shipping.

The late Mr Ray was a great friend of Sir Patrick Manson and his family.

He was unmarried and had lived in the house where he died for some 30 years. He leaves two sisters in England and two in Canada.

Mr Ray was a keen Freemason. He was Master of Victoria Lodge in 1903; District Grand Warden, E.C., in 1916; First Principal, Cathay Chapter in 1906; District Grand Second Principal in 1921; M.W.S. of St Mary Magdalene in 1913; held the 30th Degree; and Patron of the Paul Chater Masonic Scholarship Fund.

The funeral takes place tomorrow, passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6.00, Programme Summary; 6.02, Children's Half Hour—"Children of other lands" (BBCTS) "The Sea Dyaks of Sarawak"; 6.30, Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai Lan & S. K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, Eight Piano Ensemble; 7.00, Golden Moments of Song; 7.30, Programme presented by the British Council (Studio) "Summertime Anthology"; 7.55, Weather Report; 8.00, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.10, An Appeal for St. John Ambulance and Brigade—by Hon. Sir Shouson Chow (Studio); 8.15, Come into the Parlour, Music and songs from Northern Ireland (BBCTS); 8.40, New Concert Orchestra; 9.00, Music lovers hour—Classical Requests presented by Curtis Hindson (Studio); 10.00, Cricket, England V. India (Recorded London Relay)—Commentary from Lord's by Rex Alston & John Arlott on the 2nd day's play in the 2nd Test Match; 10.15, Melodies from Musical Shows; 10.45, Harry Owens and his Royal Hawaiians; 11.00, Radio Newsreel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.20, Weather Report. God Save The Queen: 11.30 Close Down.

"Shoot If Attacked"

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Swedish Catalina rescue plane had violated Soviet territory and fired on Russian fighters. The denial was made in a note handed to the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Constantin Rodionov, last night.

Observers here believed that Russian planes attacked the Swedish plane to guard the fact that large-scale fortifications were going up on Soviet-occupied Baltic islands.—United Press.

Living Language

Why we say Stump-up.

A "stump-orator" is one who gets up on a stump or soap-box and voluntarily makes a speech, and "stump-money" is the cash for which he appeals at the end of his speech. To "stump-up" is therefore to bring money out of your pocket to pay, and implies that you are reluctant to do so.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting, shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O., Hong Kong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20
By Air
Formosa, Japan, 2 p.m., C.A.T.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Seattle, Canada, 4.30 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
Siam, Burma, E. India, W. Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 4.30 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, W. India, 4.30 p.m., B.O.A.C.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., Q.E.A.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Indo-China, 2 p.m., ss Jean Dupuis.
Brisbane, 2 p.m., ss Eastern Star
Philippines, 2 p.m., ss Pres. Arthur.
Japan, 2 p.m., ss Taishan.
SATURDAY, JUNE 21
By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m., via P.A.A.
U.S.A., Canada, 3 p.m., P.A.A.
Japan, 4.30 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.
Siam, 4.30 p.m. Thai Airways.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., 5 p.m., train via Canton.
N. Borneo, 9 a.m., ss Hang Sang.
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, Noon ss Breconshire.
Canada, 2 p.m., ss Ocean Mail.
Philippines, 2 p.m., ss Taiwan.
Japan, 2 p.m., ss Leise Maersk.
SUNDAY, JUNE 22
By Air
Formosa, 4.30 p.m., via H.K. Airways.
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m., ss Fatshan.
Formosa, Noon, ss Shengking.
Siam, Noon, ss La Capirena.
MONDAY, JUNE 23
By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Noon, via P.A.A.
Formosa, Japan, 1 p.m., C.A.T.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Siam, Burma, E. India, W. Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 4.30 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Japan, 4.30 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Appointments Gazetted

The following Government appointments are announced in the Gazette today:

Mr D. A. Hynes, Mr E. A. Ribeiro, Mr H. E. Marriott and Mr R. Hogarth as Assistant Controllers of Posts as from November 1, 1951;

Mr P. Donohue, Mr Cheung Wing-min and Mr K. J. Attwell as Senior Education Officers from April;

Mr E. D. Robbins as Building Inspector, Class 1, P.W.D., as from May 22;

Miss P. M. Martin as Education Officer on probation, as from May 2;

Dr G. M. Thomson as Senior Social Hygiene Officer on probation as from May 2;

Mr J. T. Wakefield as Chief Resettlement Officer from June 12;

Dr J. S. Willis to act as Senior Health Officer as from June 6.

Honorary Consul

The Governor has recognised provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Tan Chin-poo as Honorary Consul for Burma at Hongkong, according to this morning's Gazette.

The Hon. John Keswick has been appointed an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council until November 27, 1952 and Mr J. D. Clague has been appointed an Unofficial Justice of the Peace with effect from June 10, 1952, the Gazette announced today.

Cantonese By Radio

By S. K. Lee

The fortieth (E) in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 6.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries of subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 40 E

Transport and Communications (Refer to page 107, "Cantonese Simplified"):

Vocabulary:

293. (2)ding. To fix. To determine. Fixed. Certain. Sure.
294. son(3). ("on" as in "canyon") A letter. To believe. Faith.
295. foong(1). To seal. An envelope. Classifier for letters.
296. hau(2). ("au" nearly as "ow" in "brown cow") Fill. (eating).
297. drui(3). Drunk.
298. (1)ngai. Risky.
299. heem(2). Danger, Dangerous
300. (2)yeh. Late (night).

Combinations:

24. Yut(1) (3)ding. Certainly. Surely.
25. (1)M (3)wah duk(1) (3)ding. (Full) Can't
26. (5)Wak (1)m (3)ding. say for (abbreviated) So certain.
27. Yut(1) gaw(3) son(3)-foong-(1). One envelope.
28. Yut(1) foong(1) son(3). One letter.
29. Seh(2) son(3). To write a letter.
30. (3)Bhik baau(2). To have eaten one's fill. To have had enough to eat.
31. Yun(2) drui.(3). Drunk.
32. Yum(2) baau(2) (3)shik drui(3). To dine well. To have had one's fill of meat and drink.
33. (1)Ngai heem(2). Danger. Dangerous.

Transport and Communications: (Continued)

46. (2)Kui-(3)day (3)mun (2)-ngaw (2)wooey (1)m (2)wooey faan(1)-(1)lai Ying(1)-gawk(3). They asked me whether I would come back to England.
47. (2)Ngaw (3)wah (2)ngaw (2)wooey faan(1)-(1)lai, (3)daan-(3)hai (3)wah-(1)m-(3)ding gay(2)-(1)shee faan(1). I said I would come back but couldn't be certain when I would return.
48. (2)Kui-(3)day geeoo(3) (2)-ngaw seh(2)-son(3) bay(2) (3)kui-(3)day. They told me to write them letters.
49. (2)Ngaw doh(1) taing(2) (2)kui-(3)day seh(2)-son(3) bay(2) (3)ngaw. I also asked them to write me.
50. (2)Ngaw-(3)day yum(3)-jaw(2) hoh(2)-daw(1) dzau(2). (3)shik-jaw(2) hoh(2)-daw(1) (3)-yeh. We drank a lot of wine and ate a great many things.
51. (2)Ngaw-(3)day gaw(3)-gaw-(2) doh(1) yum(2)-baau(2)-(3)shik-drui(3). Everyone of us had dined well.
52. (2)Yau yut(1)-gaw(3), (1)pung-(2)yau yum(2)-drui(3)-jaw(2). One friend was drunk.
53. (2)Ngaw-(3)day pah(3) (2)kui-(3)loh-(3)sheung (2)yau-(1)ngai-heem(2). We feared he might run into danger on the way.
54. Gum(2) (2)ngaw-(3)day (3)-dzau soong(3) (3)kui fan(1) ook(1)-kay(2). So we escorted him home.
55. (2)Kui-geh(3) tsaye(3)-tsaye-(2) taing(2) (2)ngaw-day (3)yup-hui(3) tsaw-(2)hah. His wife asked us to go in and sit down.
56. Yun(1)-(3)wat (2)yee-ging(1) hoh(3), (3)yeh, (3)ngaw-(3)day (3)dzau (1)m (3)yup-hui(3), lak(2), As it was already late, we wouldn't go in.

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